PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ACCOUNTING DEGREE PROGRAM IN THE COLLEGE/SCHOOL OF BUSINESS SECTION IN THE UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG 2014-2016

Type of Change Academic Change

1. IF THE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IS YES, THE COLLEGE MUST CONSULT NEAL ARMSTRONG TO DETERMINE IF SACS-COC APPROVAL IS REQUIRED.
   - Is this a new degree program? No
   - Does the program offer courses that will be taught off campus? No
   - Will courses in this program be delivered electronically? No

2. EXPLAIN CHANGE TO DEGREE PROGRAM AND GIVE A DETAILED RATIONALE FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL CHANGE (include page numbers in the catalog where changes will be made):
   1. Remove two accounting classes that were listed redundantly and adjusting hours accordingly. Rationale is this ACC 311 & 312 are included in the BBA degree requirements referenced immediately above, so they are redundant and it is more accurate to simply state the additional accounting classes required, beyond the BBA degree requirements common to all BBA majors.
   2. Correct a one-hour error in hours required for degree. Rationale is that the incorrect hour information, possibly a typo, should be corrected.
   3. Change minimum grades required in Admissions from C to C- for ECO and M. Rationale is that C- is the correct accepted minimum grade, and the catalog language needs to be changed to reflect this. Somehow the update was not implemented here as it should have been when UT switched to plus/minus grading for undergraduates.
   4. List other calculus classes which are accepted, as in the Admission & Registration proposal.
   5. Add paragraph about new English language proficiency proof requirement for international students. Rationale is that the department wants to reduce the number of problems encountered by international students pursuing the BBA/MPA degree who do not have adequate English language skills.
   6. Add statement to the admissions information, that applicants’ records will be reviewed for scholastic dishonesty and other disciplinary action at the University, as part of the application process. Rationale is to avoid possible student ethics violations in the BBA/MPA program.
   7. Add new requirement to complete all undergraduate courses before declaring the MPA major, for BBA/MPA students. Rationale is to increase four-year graduation by requiring all undergraduate courses be complete before progressing to graduate portion of degree.
   8. Change BBA/MPA graduation requirements and timing so when BBA degree is complete, automatic graduation becomes the default. Rationale is to promote four-year graduation rates, so students graduate after four years when the BBA requirements are met, rather than waiting another year to satisfy both BBA and MPA requirements and receive both degrees at the same time.
   9. Not a change to the program, but adding flag information for students’ convenience and planning.

3. SCOPE OF PROPOSED CHANGE
   a. Does this proposal impact other colleges/schools? No
   b. Will students in other degree programs be impacted (are the proposed changes to courses commonly taken by students in other colleges)? No
   c. Will students from your college take courses in other colleges? No
      Not as a result of these proposed changes
   d. Does this proposal involve changes to the core curriculum or other basic education requirements (42-hour core, signature courses, flags)? No
   e. Will this proposal change the number of hours required for degree completion? No
121 hours was somehow listed in error; the degree has required 120 hours and will continue to be 120 hours, we are just correcting what was written incorrectly in the catalog.

4. COLLEGE/SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS
   Department approval date: April 8, 2013
   College approval date: April 15, 2013
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Accounting
[No changes to this section/paragraph.]

Bachelor of Business Administration
The requirements of this program are:
1. The Core Curriculum requirements and the BBA Degree Requirements.
2. **Twenty-one** Fifteen additional semester hours of accounting: Accounting 311, 312, 326, 327 (carries the Quantitative Reasoning flag), 329, 362, and 364.
3. Economics 420K.
4. Operations Management 335 and Management 336 (carries the Ethics and Leadership flag) and 374 (carries the Writing and Independent Inquiry flags).
5. Additional elective coursework, if necessary, to provide a total of at least 120 semester hours.

BBA/MPA: Integrated Approach
[No changes to this section/paragraph.]

Admission
Students are admitted to the integrated approach according to the following requirements. Admission is granted only for the fall semester; June 1 is the application deadline for those who wish to begin the program the following fall. Students interested in this program must have met the following requirements by the June 1 deadline: the foreign language proficiency requirement for the BBA degree; and completion of at least sixty semester hours of coursework, including Accounting 311 and 312, Business Administration 101H, 101S, or 101T, Economics 304K and 304L with a grade of C- or better, and Mathematics 408C, or 408K or 408N with a grade of C- or better, and Mathematics 408D, or 408L or 408S with a grade of C- or better. As stated in the BBA Degree Requirements, “A student may not repeat for credit or grade points any course in which he or she has earned a grade of C- or higher.” Students who earn a D+ or lower in one or more of the courses listed above for admission may retake the course(s), but subsequent attempts will not be considered for admission purposes.

International students pursuing the BBA/MPA degree: English skills are essential for success in the MPA program. As a result, it is important to demonstrate the ability to speak, read, write and understand English through the TOEFL or IELTS. Official scores for either the internet-based TOEFL or IELTS must be on the student’s record prior to the application deadline, even if s/he was allowed to waive the TOEFL or IELTS for admission to UT Austin. Only applicants from English-speaking countries are allowed to waive this requirement. Please visit the GIAC website for a list of countries which qualify for the waiver. The preferred minimum for the TOEFL is 105 overall, with a minimum of 24 for each individual section or a minimum band score of 7.5 for the IELTS. If previously-submitted test scores do not accurately reflect the applicant’s current English proficiency, it is strongly recommended to retake the test to increase scores.

Admission is based on the applicant’s University grade point average and SAT Reasoning Test or ACT scores, as well as other relevant examples of academic ability and leadership. An applicant with a University grade point average of less than 3.00 is unlikely to be admitted to this program. Admission may be restricted by the availability of instructional resources. All applicants' records are reviewed for scholastic dishonesty and other disciplinary action at the University. Violations are taken into account by the Admissions Committee as part of the application process and may exclude a student from admission depending on the nature and severity of the offense(s). Application materials and information about deadlines are available at http://www.mccombs.utexas.edu/mpa/integrated-mpa.

Before beginning the fifth year, integrated approach students must be admitted to the MPA program. Students must complete at least two long-session semesters in residence in the MPA program. Application forms must be submitted by February 1 of the student’s fourth year. Students must have completed the following BBA degree requirements before the application deadline: Rhetoric and Writing 306, English 316K, the University Core Curriculum, courses needed to declare a major, the human behavior requirement, the lower-division business core, and Business Administration 324. They must also earn an acceptable score on the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) and have their test scores sent to the University’s Office of Admissions. Students usually take the GMAT in the fall or winter of their fourth year.

Satisfactory Progress

Impact statement last modified February 13, 2012.
Graduation
A student may elect to receive the BBA upon completion of all undergraduate requirements. Students pursuing the integrated approach to the MPA degree are expected to complete their BBA accounting degrees within four years as a milestone towards their MPA degree. Students who are eligible will automatically be granted their BBA accounting degrees at the end of four years unless they opt out. Integrated BBA/MPA students who are not automatically granted their BBA accounting degrees at the end of four years must apply when they are eligible for the degree, by the date specified in the official academic calendar. The additional requirements for graduation pertaining to the BBA degree are given in Graduation. To receive an MPA degree, a student must have a grade point average of at least 3.00 in all coursework taken as part of the minimum thirty-five hour MPA degree. He or she must also have a grade point average in graduate accounting coursework of at least 3.00.

Degree Requirements
[No academic changes to this section.]