

MEMORANDUM

August 3, 2009

TO: Dr. Don Hines, Dean, Sorrell College of Business
Dr. Kaye Sheridan, Director, School of Accountancy
Ms. Donna Bragg, Director, Academic Evaluation Center

FROM: Donna Schubert, Undergraduate Catalog Editor

SUBJECT: Resolution of redundant course issue in the Accounting Major

Thank you, Dr. Sheridan and Ms. Bragg, for your help in discovering and working to resolve an issue identified in the Accounting Major. The issue and resolution are summarized below.

In November of 2008, the Undergraduate Academic Council passed a motion to "Amend the Accounting Major by replacing 'Select one upper level business or business law course elective' with 'Select ACT 4435 International Accounting from the international course electives'." This change was subsequently made in the 2009-2010 Undergraduate Catalog.

In July of 2009, while creating degree program evaluations in Datatel, Ms. Donna Bragg observed that ACT 4435 is now a requirement counted under the Business Administration Core. Therefore, it cannot also be counted toward the Accounting Major. Dr. Kaye Sheridan agreed, noting that an upper level business or business law elective should be required.

With Dr. Hal Fulmer's concurrence, the following actions should be taken to resolve this issue:

1. The 2009-10 Accounting Major degree program evaluation in Datatel should be created so that students "Select one upper level business or business law course elective" rather than "Select ACT 4435...."¹ (Donna Bragg)
2. An information memo should be provided to the Chair of the Undergraduate Academic Council to explain the issue and necessary solution.² (Donna Schubert)
3. The Accounting Major in the 2010-2011 Undergraduate Catalog should be amended so that "Select one upper level business or business law course elective" replaces "Select ACT 4435 from the international course electives."³ (Donna Schubert)
4. Accounting advisers should be aware of this issue and its resolution and should ensure that each student has an accurately declared major as well as an official academic evaluation prepared by Records. (Kaye Sheridan)

Thank you for your assistance in resolving this issue. Please let me know if I can help you in any way.

C: Dr. Hal Fulmer, Associate Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Studies
Dr. Jeff Spurlock, Chair, Undergraduate Academic Council

¹ This will ensure that the major remains at 30 hours for students enrolling this year. No students will be harmed because there is no change in the number of hours or specific courses required to complete the degree.

² This does not require a vote by the Undergraduate Academic Council. This is within the spirit of the original proposals coming from the Sorrell College of Business and consistent with the intent of Council, and there is no change being made to the content of the curriculum. Rather, the wording of the curriculum is simply reverted to that from the previous catalog. For purposes of record keeping and understanding, however, an information item is useful.

³ Please note that the online 2009-10 catalog will not be amended. The online catalog is an electronic distribution of the official print edition, so no change is to be made to the online catalog that will make it inconsistent with its print counterpart.