

**LUMPKIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND APPLIED SCIENCES  
EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**

**TO: Council on Graduate Studies**

**FROM: Diane Hoadley, Dean**

**SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE ACTION**

**DATE: October 16, 2009**

The School of Business Graduate Committee recently approved the following curriculum proposal which I support:

**Proposal for Course Description and Prerequisite & Notes Changes for the following course:**

MBA 5010, Essentials of Accounting (see attached proposal and catalog copy)  
**effective Fall 2010**

Att.

c. J. Willems, MBA Program Coordinator

**LUMPKIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND APPLIED SCIENCES  
EXECUTIVE ACTION REQUEST**

**TO:** Mary Hennig, Certification Officer

**FROM:** John R. Willems, Coordinator of Graduate Business Studies

**DATE:** October 16, 2009

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

We want to modify the current catalog copy of a graduate level course (MBA 5010: Essentials of Accounting) in two minor ways. First, we wish to remove wording from the existing catalog copy that did not allow business students to take the course, and secondly, to add a prerequisite to the course. This prerequisite will require that students taking the course be admitted to the MBA program or other graduate degree programs.

**RATIONALE:**

Assessment of the MBA program indicates that MBA students need to improve their financial accounting skills. Allowing them to take a combined financial and managerial accounting class will better prepare them for the business world. In addition, a 2009 study by the National Professional Science Master's Association (NPSMA) showed that alumni who graduated from professional science masters programs felt that accounting/finance skills were the fields of study that they most wished that their PSM degree programs could have better assisted them. Thus we would like to allow students in the MBA program and the proposed PSM-GISci program to take MBA 5010 (Essentials of Accounting) as a course in their respective degree programs.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: (i.e.: Fall 20XX, Spring 20XX):    Fall 2010**

**CURRENT CATALOG COPY:**

**MBA 5010 - Essentials of Accounting.**

(3-0-3) An introduction to financial and managerial accounting within the framework of an information systems approach. Not open to students working toward or having a B.S. in Business degree or a B.S. Education degree with a major in Business Education.

Credits: 3

**PROPOSED CATALOG COPY:**

**MBA 5010 - Essentials of Accounting.**

(3-0-3) An introduction to financial and managerial accounting within the framework of an information systems approach.

Credits: 3

**Prerequisites & Notes**

Admission to the MBA degree program or other graduate degree programs.

**<http://www.eiu.edu/~eiucaa/CAABylaws.pdf>**

Approved by LCBAS Administrative Council 3/25/09