

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

TO: Stacey Ruholl, CAA Chair

FROM: Austin Cheney, SoT Chair

DATE: 3/29/18

ACTIONS REQUESTED:

Allow students to pursue an accelerated M.S. in Cybersecurity.

RATIONALE:

As a result of the newly approved Accelerated Graduate Programs at EIU, the addition of an accelerated graduate program option is requested for undergraduate majors to accelerate pursuit of an M.S. in Cybersecurity (CYB). This action will encourage the most qualified students completing undergraduate degrees at EIU to continue their studies through a master's degree at the institution.

PROGRAM ADMISSION STANDARDS:

Admission to the accelerated graduate program in Cybersecurity requires that students have a minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.25 and have completed a minimum of 60 hours of undergraduate course credit. In addition, applicants must have completed a minimum of 30 hours of required technical courses in the CIT program, which includes the following courses: 1) CIT 2523 or MIS 3200, 2) CIT 2803, and 3) AET 4163 or MIS 4200.

All applicants must submit two letters of reference, a resume, and a statement of purpose essay, which should include any relevant experience in the field of computer technology, academic background, related work experience, personal and professional goals, and reasons to pursue graduate study in Cyber Security.

SHARED CREDIT COURSE OPTIONS:

- AET 4823Z - Facility Security. Credits: 3
- TEC 5313Z - Networking & Advanced Data Communications. Credits: 3
- TEC 5323Z - Advanced Database Technology. Credits: 3

EFFECTIVE DATE: Fall, 2018