

PROPOSAL FOR A GRADUATE MINOR IN ACCOUNTANCY

Title of the proposed minor: Graduate Minor in Accountancy

Sponsoring unit: Department of Accountancy
Contact Prof. Clifton Brown, ce-brown@illinois.edu

Date: April 15, 2011; modified September 6, 2011

Description of the program of study:

Accountancy is the process of measuring, disclosing and assuring information that facilitates the efficient and effective conduct of an organization through the economic decisions made by its organizational agents and stakeholders. Accounting information facilitates optimal allocation to and utilization of economic resources by the individuals and entities to which society entrusts such resources. Accounting is "the language of business" because it is the vehicle for communicating information about a business entity to many different groups of people. As such, any graduate business student would benefit from an exposure to accountancy beyond the introductory level common in business core curricula but short of the accountancy major necessary to enter the accountancy profession.

The Department of Accountancy proposes to offer a Graduate Minor in Accountancy to serve the needs of non-accountancy graduate students in the College of Business (such as MBA, MSF and MSTM). While a graduate accountancy major necessitates at least 24 credit hours, the Graduate pMinor in Accountancy will consist of 12 credit hours.

The proposed Graduate Minor in Accountancy will create an educational synergy with the non-accountancy Business MS programs. This synergy increases the quality of these programs, allowing them to compete better in the marketplace, both attracting better students and penetrating markets in which the programs currently are less competitive.

Requirements:

The Graduate Minor in Accountancy will consist of 12 credit hours, requiring the following courses:

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| 1. ACCY 501 Accounting Analysis I | 4 credit hours |
| 2. ACCY 502 Accounting Analysis II | 4 credit hours |
| 3. ACCY 503 Managerial Accounting | 4 credit hours |

Prerequisites for the minor:

Prerequisite for the minor is admission to one of the M.S. programs in the College of Business or a graduate program in a related discipline approved by the Department. The three courses required by the proposed minor also are courses required in the Department's MS in Accountancy (MSA) program. Consequently, the Department will limit enrollment in the proposed minor.

Expected enrollment in the minor:

Minor student enrollment will be limited to the residual, if any, between MSA program capacity and MSA student course demand. Given current and expected future MSA course demand, the Department envisions admitting approximately three to twelve students per year in the minor with no more than three students during the first several years of the minor.

Admission to the minor:

The Department will house the Graduate Minor in its existing MSA program. Applicants will complete a Graduate Minor in Accountancy application, signed by their graduate advisor and/or graduate program director. The Director of the MSA program will monitor the admission process.

Minor adviser:

The Director of the MSA program, together with existing accountancy advisors, will be responsible for advising students accepted to the minor.

Certification of successful completion:

The Department will employ the certification systems it currently uses for its graduate degrees to certify completion of the Graduate Minor in Accountancy.

Budgetary and staff implications:

The Department will administratively house the minor in its existing MSA program. As indicated earlier, admission to the minor will be limited to any excess teaching capacity after meeting MSA student demand. Consequently, the Department's existing resources, both academic and administrative, will be sufficient and the minor will require no additional resources. Further, the Department will not need to reallocate existing resources and the minor will not affect course enrollments in other departments.

Statement for the catalog:

Graduate Minor – Accountancy

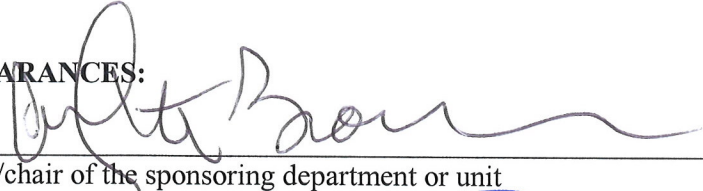
The minor in Accountancy seeks to develop Business leaders who understand the role of accountancy and accounting in the conduct of business and the allocation of resources within society.

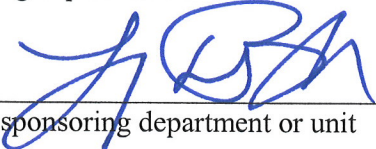
This minor requires twelve graduate hours of coursework. Admission to the minor requires an application to the Department and admission to one of the M.S. programs in the College of Business or a graduate program in a related discipline approved by the Department. Admission is limited and acceptance is on a competitive basis.

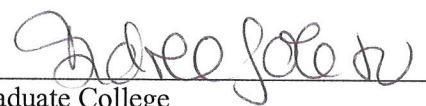
Minor Requirements

Required Courses	Required Hours
ACCY 501, 502 and 503	12
Total Hours	12

CLEARANCES:

 3/15/11
Head/chair of the sponsoring department or unit Date

 3/16/11
Dean of the college of the sponsoring department or unit Date

 5/13/11
Dean of the Graduate College Date

Chair, Senate Educational Policy Committee Date

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August 23, 2011

Gay Miller, Chair
Senate Committee on Educational Policy
Office of the Senate
228 English Building, MC-461

Dear Professor Miller:

Enclosed is a copy of a proposal from the Graduate College and the College of Business to establish a graduate minor in Accountancy.

This proposal has been approved by the Graduate College Executive Committee and Courses and Curricula Committee in the College of Business. It now requires Senate review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristi A. Kuntz".

Kristi A. Kuntz
Assistant Provost

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Enclosures

c: C. Brown
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Dear Kristi:

Nicoline Ambrose

Enclosed is the proposal entitled "Establish a Graduate Minor in Accountancy." The Graduate College Executive Committee did vote unanimously to approve this proposal.

Naomi Bloch

Robert Brunner

Paul Diehl

Margareth Etienne

I send it to you now for further review.

Jennifer Furlong Del Pozo

Janet Gaffney

Sincerely,

Esther Kim Lee

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FROM: Larry DeBrock
Joseph and Margot Lakonishok Endowed Dean

DATE: March 15, 2011

RE: Approval for a Graduate Minor in Accountancy

The College of Business requests approval of the Department of Accountancy's proposal to establish a Graduate Minor in Accountancy. A graduate minor approval form proposed by Professor Clif Brown is enclosed.

The appropriate committees at the department and college levels have reviewed this proposal and approval has been recommended. I also recommend approval.

If you have questions please call 333-2747.

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Enclosure

Cc: Ira Solomon, Head, Department of Accountancy
Kevin Waspi, Chair, College of Business, Educational Policy Committee
Clif Brown, Department of Accountancy