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SUBJECT: Proposal for a 120 Hour Requirement for the B.B.A.

DATE: December 10, 2008

The Bauer College of Business recommends that the Undergraduate Council approve reducing the total required semester credit hours of the B.B.A. degree from 123 to 120.

Proposal:

In order to meet the state-mandated requirement of a 120 hour degree by fall 2008, the Bauer College of Business proposes to reduce the total required semester credit hours of the Bachelor of Business Administration degree from 123 semester credit hours to 120 semester credit hours, with the following changes below to the text of the fall 2008 Undergraduate Catalog. Because the B.B.A. requires MATH 1314 and 1313 (or MATH 1431 and 1432 for the Global Energy Management program), students meet the state-mandated mathematics core of college algebra or higher (the University of Houston mathematics core requirement) and the University of Houston institutionally designated option of mathematics/reasoning. Currently students who place out of MATH 1310 are required to take an additional general elective to meet the 123 hour requirement. This proposal would eliminate that general elective requirement.

Current: Core Curriculum Requirements¹

Students are required to meet the general requirements for a baccalaureate degree and must satisfy the core curriculum requirements listed below:

<u>Core Curriculum Requirements</u> ¹	Hours
Communication: English rhetoric and composition	6
Mathematics: College-level algebra or approved equivalent	3
Mathematics/Reasoning	3

Natural Sciences	6
Humanities	3
Visual & Performing Arts	3
Social & Behavioral Sciences (met through college-specified requirement of PSYC 1300 or SOC 1300)	3
Writing in the Disciplines (met through GENB 4350)	3
U.S. History	6
American Government	6
Total	42

¹ students should refer to the Academic Regulations and Degree Requirements section of this catalog to identify specific courses meeting these core curriculum requirements.

B.B.A. requirements also listed as approved UH core courses may fulfill both requirements, but students must have a minimum of 123 credit hours to earn the B.B.A.

Specific course requirements in each category are discussed in the following sections:

Courses	Hours
<u>University Core Curriculum Requirements</u> (12 of the required 42 hours of university core curriculum requirements listed above may be met by pre-business and college-specific requirements, with any remaining hours for the 123 hour minimum met by general electives)	30
<u>Pre-Business Requirements and College Specific requirements</u>	24
<u>Upper-Level Business Core and Required Courses</u>	39
<u>Major Requirements</u>	24
Total Degree Requirements	123 semester hour (minimum)

Freshman-Sophomore and Pre-Business Requirements

The freshman-sophomore and pre-business courses required for a Bachelor of Business Administration degree are as follows:

Courses	Hours
University Core Curriculum Requirements (see above)	30
GENB 2301	3
MATH 1313, 1314 (three of these six hours meet CORE Math/Reasoning)	6
ECON 2304 and ECON 2305	6
PSYC 1300 or SOC 1300	3
ACCT 2331 and ACCT 2332	6
MIS 3300	3
Total	57

Sample B.B.A. Degree Plan

(Order of courses depends on the major and course prerequisites. Consult an academic advisor for assistance.)

FIRST YEAR

Fall Semester	Hours
ENGL 1303. Composition I	3
MATH 1310. College Algebra (or placement exam)	3
HIST 1377. The United States to 1877	3
POLS 1336. U.S. and Texas Politics and Constitutions	3
Social Science: PSYC 1300 or SOC 1300	3
Total	15
Spring Semester	
ENGL 1304. Composition II	3
MATH 1314. Calculus for Business and the Life Sciences	3
HIST 1378. The United States Since 1877	3
POLS 1337. U.S. Government, President, and Courts	3
Core Approved Humanities	3
Total	15

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SECOND YEAR

Fall Semester	Hours
MATH 1313. Finite Mathematics with Applications	3
Core Approved Natural Science	3
ACCT 2331. Accounting Principles I - Financial	3
ECON 2304. Microeconomics	3
GENB 2301. Connecting Bauer to Business	3
Total	15
 Spring Semester 	
ACCT 2332. Accounting Principles II - Managerial	3
ECON 2305. Macroeconomics	3
Core Approved Natural Science	3
Core Approved Visual and Performing Arts	3
MIS 3300. Introduction to Computers and Management Information Systems	3
Total	15

Proposed: Core Curriculum Requirements¹

Students are required to meet the general requirements for a baccalaureate degree and must satisfy the core curriculum requirements listed below:

<u>Core Curriculum Requirements</u> ¹	Hours
Communication: English rhetoric and composition	6
Mathematics: College-level algebra or approved equivalent	3
Mathematics/Reasoning	3
Natural Sciences	6
Humanities	3
Visual & Performing Arts	3
Social & Behavioral Sciences (met through college-specified requirement of	3

PSYC 1300 or SOC 1300)	
Writing in the Disciplines (met through <u>GENB 4350</u>)	3
U.S. History	6
American Government	6
Total	42

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B.B.A. requirements also listed as approved UH core courses may fulfill both requirements, but students must have a minimum of 120 credit hours to earn the B.B.A.

Specific course requirements in each category are discussed in the following sections:

Courses	Hours
<u>University Core Curriculum Requirements</u> (12 of the required 42 hours of university core curriculum requirements listed above may be met by the business program requirements)	30
<u>Pre-Business Requirements and College Specific requirements</u>	27
<u>Upper-Level Business Core and Required Courses</u>	39
<u>Major Requirements</u>	24
Total Degree Requirements	120 semester hour (minimum)

Freshman-Sophomore and Pre-Business Requirements

The freshman-sophomore and pre-business courses required for a Bachelor of Business Administration degree are as follows:

Courses	Hours
<u>University Core Curriculum Requirements</u> (see above)	30

<u>GENB 2301</u>	3
<u>MATH 1313, 1314</u>	6
<u>ECON 2304</u> and <u>ECON 2305</u>	6
<u>PSYC 1300</u> or <u>SOC 1300</u>	3
<u>ACCT 2331</u> and <u>ACCT 2332</u>	6
<u>MIS 3300</u>	3
Total	57

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Fall Semester	Hours
<u>ENGL 1303</u> . Composition I	3
<u>MATH 1313</u> . Finite Mathematics with Applications (prerequisite: <u>MATH 1310</u> . College Algebra or placement exam)	3
<u>HIST 1377</u> . The United States to 1877	3
<u>POLS 1336</u> . U.S. and Texas Politics and Constitutions	3
Social Science: <u>PSYC 1300</u> or <u>SOC 1300</u>	3
Total	15

Spring Semester

<u>ENGL 1304</u> . Composition II	3
<u>MATH 1314</u> . Calculus for Business and the Life Sciences (prerequisite: <u>MATH 1310</u> . College Algebra or placement exam)	3
<u>HIST 1378</u> . The United States Since 1877	3
<u>POLS 1337</u> . U.S. Government, President, and Courts	3
Core Approved Humanities	3
Total	15

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SECOND YEAR

Fall Semester	Hours
ACCT 2331. Accounting Principles I - Financial	3
ECON 2304. Microeconomics	3
Core Approved Natural Science	3
Core Approved Visual and Performing Arts	3
GENB 2301. Connecting Bauer to Business	3
Total	15
Spring Semester	
ACCT 2332. Accounting Principles II - Managerial	3
ECON 2305. Macroeconomics	3
Core Approved Natural Science	3
MIS 3300. Introduction to Computers and Management Information Systems	3
3 hours of 3000-level business requirements	3
Total	15