

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 13, 2017

TO: Dr. Ethlyn Williams, Chair
College of Business Undergraduate Committee

FROM: Dr. James Gray
Associate Dean, College of Business

Cc: C.M. Sashi, Chair
COB Faculty Assembly

SUBJECT: College of Business Admissions Standards Revision

The Advising office has reported a minor problem with the new admissions standards for the undergraduate program that might impact a few students. As part of the new admissions policy, the "C-" grade is acceptable in a pre-business course (ACG 2021, ACG 2071, ECO 2013, ECO 2023, ISM 2000) within the college. The other pre-business courses that are also part of the IFP (General Education) program (ENC 1101, ENC 1102, STA 2023, and MAC 2233) may, or may not require a "C" or better, depending on the students' individual records. The new admissions standards require an overall 2.5 GPA on all pre-business coursework, but individual course grades can be as low as "C-". The problem comes at graduation, as even though the admissions requirements changed, the graduation requirements still demand a minimum "C" grade on the pre-business courses.

The faculty of the College of Business was polled on this matter, and based on their feedback the College of Business Undergraduate (Curriculum) Committee voted to revise the admissions policy to require a minimum grade of "C" (updated from "C-") for pre-business courses. This allows for consistency with graduation requirements (and potential IFP requirements). Students who were admitted with the "C-" grade before this change becomes effective will be required to meet with an advisor to request a waiver before graduating.

Based on information provided by the College of Business Data Analyst & Accreditation Coordinator, to date only 1 student is affected (1.1%) of the 88 students listed as Economics or pre-business in Fall 2016 and then admitted as a College of Business major in Spring 2017. Of those 88 students, only 1 (or 1.1%) earned a "C-" during Fall 2016 in a pre-business course. Those 88 students took a total of 146 pre-business courses in Fall 2016 and only 1 grade of "C-" was given (1/146=.68%). The C- grade was earned in the following course: ECO 2013.

Current College of Business Admissions Standards Language

Admission Policy (*for B.B.A. and B.S. degrees, except General Economics majors*)
(Effective fall 2016.)

Note: For the Admission Policy for General Economics majors (B.S. degree), [click here](#).

Note: For the Admission Policy for Health Administration majors (B.H.S. degree), [click here](#).

All of the following are required for admission to upper-division selective majors in the College of Business:

1. Attain a Pre-Business admissions GPA of 2.5 on the courses noted in parentheses below that are relative to success in business programs (ECO 2013, ECO 2023, ACG 2021, ACG 2071, *MAC 2233, *STA 2023, *ENC 1101, *ENC 1102 and ISM 2000) with grades of "C-" or better. For Pre-Business admissions GPA calculation, only the highest grade of multiple attempts is used.

* These courses may require a grade of "C" or better for the IFP requirement.

Note: Students who have attempted any of the Pre-Business admissions courses three or more times, including withdrawals ("W"), cannot be admitted to a selective business major.

2. Earn 60 credits.

3. Complete the foreign language entry (FLENT) requirements.

Proposed College of Business Admissions Standards Language

Admission Policy (for B.B.A. and B.S. degrees, except General Economics majors)
(Effective ~~fall 2016~~. Fall 2017/Spring 2018)

Note: For the Admission Policy for General Economics majors (B.S. degree), [click here](#).

Note: For the Admission Policy for Health Administration majors (B.H.S. degree), [click here](#).

All of the following are required for admission to upper-division selective majors in the College of Business:

1. Attain a Pre-Business admissions GPA of 2.5 on the courses noted in parentheses below that are relative to success in business programs (ECO 2013, ECO 2023, ACG 2021, ACG 2071, ~~*MAC 2233, *STA 2023, *ENC 1101, *ENC 1102~~, MAC 2233, STA 2023, ENC 1101, ENC 1102 and ISM 2000) with grades of "C" "C" or better. For Pre-Business admissions GPA calculation, only the highest grade of multiple attempts is used.

~~* These courses may require a grade of "C" or better for the IFP requirement.~~

Note: Students who have attempted any of the Pre-Business admissions courses three or more times, including withdrawals ("W"), cannot be admitted to a selective business major.

2. Earn 60 credits.

3. Complete the foreign language entry (FLENT) requirements.

Approved by:	Date:
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