

Graduate Council Meeting
February 12, 2009, 3:30 pm

Present: Drs. Saleh, Sustich, B. Gilbert, Traylor, E. Gilbert, Miao, McDaniel, Amienyi, Armah, Clift, A. Grippo (Buchanan), R. Grippo (Risch), Rowe, Mr. Gastineau, Ms. Macchia and Ms. Weems.

1. Chemistry

Bulletin Change – **APPROVED**

2. Nursing

Bulletin Change – **APPROVED**

3. Agriculture

Bulletin Change – **APPROVED**

4. Business

New Program – **APPROVED**

MBA with concentration in Management Information Systems

5. Graduate Student Council

White Paper - **APPROVED**

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Dr. John M. Pratte, Arkansas State University, P.O. Box 419, State University, AR 72467, jpratte@astate.edu, 972-3298

2. Proposed Change**Current listing in the Graduate Bulletin:**

Admission Requirements:

Students seeking admission into the Master of Science degree program in Chemistry must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate School and the specific program requirements.

Courses required of all candidates:

- * CHEM 6353, Advanced Analytical Chemistry
- * CHEM 6393, Advanced Organic Chemistry
- * CHEM 6403, Advanced Inorganic Chemistry
- * CHEM 6433, Advanced Physical Chemistry
- * Thesis or Professional Internship - 6 hours
- * CHEM 6581, Graduate Seminar
- * Eleven hours of electives in Chemistry or an approved related field.

Minimum hours required for this program: 30

Proposed change:**Admission Requirements:**

Along with the admission requirements of the Graduate School, students entering the graduate program in Chemistry must take the general GRE and have a minimum score of 1000. In addition, students that do not have an undergraduate degree in Chemistry must take the GRE chemistry subject exam. All students must submit a transcript and give two choices of focus area interests (to be designated by the department faculty). Examples of focus areas: Inorganic synthesis, spectroscopy, biochemistry, etc.

Applications will be reviewed by the department Graduate Program Committee, which will make recommendations on acceptance, acceptance with deficiencies or non-acceptance. A letter of acceptance/ denial will be sent to students. If the student has deficiencies, these will be noted along with the expected increase in length of time necessary to complete the degree.

Upon arrival, all students will be given qualifying exams to determine proficiency in the areas of Analytical, Inorganic, Organic and Physical Chemistry. Students scoring below a minimum score will be expected to take remediation in the area by repeating undergraduate courses in that area with a grade of C or better. These courses will not count as graduate credit. Students scoring above the minimum but less than the optimum score on the exam will be required to take the respective core course. Those scoring above the optimum score may test out of the respective core course (see below).

MS Degree (Thesis option):

Required (12 hours)*:

Advanced Analytical Chemistry
Advanced Inorganic Chemistry
Advanced Organic Chemistry
Advanced Physical Chemistry

*students must take a minimum of 12 hours of class work.

Electives (18 hours) as determined by the student's thesis committee:

**Thesis (6 hours)

**Graduate Research in Chemistry (6 hours)

**Independent Study (3 hours)

**Special Topics: Research in (specialty area) Chemistry (3 hours)

Biochemistry

Pharmacology

Instrumentation

Inorganic Chemistry

Environmental Chemistry

Geochemistry

Special Topics

EVS or MBS courses

**courses may only be taken once a research advisor has been chosen

No more than six hours of graduate courses with a prefix other than CHEM may be applied toward the MS degree.

MS Degree (non-thesis option):

Students will be required to take 30 hours approved upon by the Graduate Program Committee:

Required (12 hours):

Advanced Analytical Chemistry
Advanced Inorganic Chemistry
Advanced Organic Chemistry
Advanced Physical Chemistry

Electives (18 hours):

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Pharmacology

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Inorganic Chemistry

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Geochemistry

Seminar

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Summer Research Internship: A student may apply to a research lab for 6 hours of summer research credit which may count as six of the elective hours. (This course can only be taken once)

No more than six hours of graduate courses with a prefix other than CHEM may be applied toward the 30 hours.

Students completing the MS non-thesis option must pass a comprehensive exam in the last semester of study.

Minimum hours required for this program: 30

3. Effective Date

08/15/09

4. Justification

This change is being proposed for several reasons. One, it will bring us more in line with the standard practices of other research institutions. This will greatly aid us in the recruitment and retention of graduate students. Secondly, this change will allow our program to grow beyond the current cadre of graduate students, which is limited by the number of faculty that we have in the Department. The thesis-option MS means that a faculty member must be directly involved with multiple facets of the student's research. This puts a severe limit on the number of students that one faculty member can oversee at one time, which ultimately limits the number of graduate students in the program.

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1. Contact Person (Name, Name of Institution, Address, Email Address, Phone Number) Angie Schmidt, ASU, CNHP, 972-3074 aschmidt@astate.edu
2. Proposed Change NURS 6103 Research Design & Methodology: REMOVE the word "co-requisite" graduate statistics
3. Effective Date January 12, 2009
4. Justification Graduate Statistics Course is a PRE-requisite to NURS 6103 Research Design & Methodology, needing to be completed PRIOR to enrollment in this course content for understanding and success in the course.

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5.	Contact Person (Name, Name of Institution, Address, Email Address, Phone Number) Angie Schmidt, ASU, CNHP, 972-3074 aschmidt@astate.edu
6.	Proposed Change NURS 6713 Practicum in Nursing Education: remove the word "Co-"; Should read -Pre-requisites: NURS 6623, NUR 6853, HP 6043, and course in educational testing/evaluation.
7.	Effective Date January 12, 2009
8.	Justification Practicum Course requires as Pre-requisite a course in educational testing and evaluation prior to this course content for understanding and success in the content.

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9. Contact Person (Name, Name of Institution, Address, Email Address, Phone Number) Angie Schmidt, ASU, CNHP, 972-3074 aschmidt@astate.edu
10. Proposed Change NURS 6762 Applied Clinical Research & Role Seminar: add NURS 687V to concurrent enrollment listing; Also, correct course number listed in the concurrent listing NURS 6473 (NOT NURS 6472)
11. Effective Date January 12, 2009
12. Justification Additional concurrent enrollment listing to include new option of Nursing Administration Course; Also, correct course #

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PAUL ARMAH, COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, P. O. BOX 1080, AR 72467, parmah@astate.edu, (870)972-3476

2. Proposed Change
AGEC 5023 INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY MARKETING – CHANGE IN COURSE DESCRIPTION TO:
Development and coordination of activities related to marketing agricultural commodities and **food products** in foreign markets. Emphasis given to identification and analysis of market size, location, mix, methods and changes in trading for commodities and **food products** in international markets, **and role in food supply chain management. [Prerequisite: Any economics or management foundation course, AGEC 3003, or MKTG 3013, permission of professor]**

3. Effective Date
FALL 2009

4. Justification
DESCRIPTION CHANGES TO ALLOW COURSE TO BE OFFERED FOR THE PROPOSED MBA FOOD EMPHASIS AREA

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2. Proposed Change : CHANGE IN NAME AND DESCRIPTION TO:

AGEC 6003 Advanced Agricultural **and Food** Marketing

Recent developments in **food**, crop and livestock marketing. A study of costs and efficiencies associated with various agricultural **and food** marketing channels. Application of firm theory to agricultural **and food** marketing.

3. Effective Date

FALL 2009

4. Justification

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AGEC 6003 ADVANCED AGRICULTURAL MARKETING

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2. Proposed Change : CHANGE IN DESCRIPTION TO:
 AGECE 6013 Advanced Agricultural Price Analysis
 Rigorous analysis of economic determination of agricultural **and food** prices in markets separated by time, geographically dispersed, and government influenced. Characteristics of specific agricultural product types and prices under alternative structures; **relationship to global food supply chain.**

3. Effective Date
FALL 2009

4. Justification
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AGECE 6013 ADVANCED AGRICULTURAL PRICE ANALYSIS

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2. Proposed Change : CHANGE IN NAME TO:
AGEC 6023 Advanced International Agribusiness **and Food** Marketing

3. Effective Date
FALL 2009

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NAME CHANGE TO ALLOW COURSE TO BE OFFERED FOR THE PROPOSED MBA FOOD EMPHASIS AREA

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AGEC 6033 Strategic Agribusiness **and Food** Management

Practical application of operational and strategic decision-making tools for agribusiness; emphasis on problem recognition and economic analysis of production, marketing, and financial decisions facing agribusiness **and food marketing** firms. It includes applied strategic concepts, analysis, and problem solving skills to manage agribusiness **and food marketing** firms.

3. Effective Date

FALL 2009

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New Program Proposal-Bulletin Change Transmittal Form

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New Program (The following critical elements are taken directly from the Arkansas Department of Higher Education's "Criteria and Procedures for Preparing Proposals for New Programs".) Please complete the following and attach a copy of the catalogue page(s) showing what changes are necessary.

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1. Proposed Program Title
 Master's of Business Administration – Concentration in Management Information Systems

2. CIP Code Requested
 52.0201

3. Contact Person (Name, Name of Institution, Address, Email Address, Phone Number)
 Russell Jones, Arkansas State University, Box 239, State University, 72467. rjones@astate.edu, 972-3988

4. Proposed Starting Date
 August 2009

5. Program Summary (Provide a general description of the proposed program. Include an overview of any curriculum additions or modifications; program costs; faculty resources, library resources, facilities and equipment; purpose of the program; and any information that will serve as introduction to the program.)
 The MBA with Concentration in MIS program is designed to allow graduate business students the ability to select in-depth coverage of the core components of today's IT field while furthering their business administration academic career. Students will complete the 24 hours within the MBA core (which includes two graduate level MIS course) and 9 additional hours of graduate level MIS coursework.

6. Need for the Program (Provide survey data on student interest, job availability, corporate demands and employment projections. Focus mostly on state needs and less on regional and national needs, unless applicable to the program.)
 Technology continues to be a growing field within academics. In addition to students within the U.S., ASU has experienced a growth in the number of international students seeking admission into the MBA program. Many of these have requested a concentration within the MBA program in the information systems/information technology field.

7. Curriculum Outline (Identify new courses and state program admission requirements.)
 All general admission requirements of the Graduate School are applicable to the program, as are all admission requirements of the Master of Business Administration. These include the requirements for conditional and unconditional admission. In addition, the applicant must have completed the MBA foundation courses at either the graduate or the undergraduate level. No new courses will be required. Existing MIS 6000-level course will be utilized as well as the existing MBA core.

Each student within the program will complete the following 24 hours within the MBA core:

- ACCT 6003, Accounting for Planning and Control
- ECON 6313, Managerial Economics
- FIN 6723, Advanced Management of Finance
- MIS 6413, Management Information Systems
- MGMT 6403, Seminar in Organizational Behavior and Leadership
- MGMT 6423, Strategic Management
- MKTG 6223, Marketing Policies
- MIS 6543, Business Analytics

In addition, students will complete the following 9 hours of MIS courses:

- MIS 6453, Electronic Commerce
- MIS 6463, Information Systems Analysis & Design
- Any 6000-level MIS course

Total Program Coursework: 33 Hours

8. Faculty (List names, credentials, and rank of faculty who will be teaching courses in the proposed program.)

All members of the ASU Graduate Faculty within the College of Business will continue to teach these existing courses.

9. Description of Resources (Current library resources including relevant holdings, current instructional facilities including classrooms, instructional equipment and technology, laboratories.)

Library resources that were obtained to support the MBA and the previous MSISec will meet the needs of this program.

10. New Program Costs (New administrative costs, new faculty costs, new library resources and costs, new instructional equipment and costs, distance delivery costs, other new costs. If no new program costs, explain.)

None

11. Sources of Funding (Reallocation from where? Tuition and fees? Other?)

No new funding will be needed.

12. Organizational Chart Reflecting New Program

This program will exist within the College of Business at ASU under the direct supervision of the Director of Graduate Programs within the Dean's office.

13. Specialized Requirements (Specialized accreditation requirements for the program, Licensure/certification requirements for student entry into the field.)

N/A

14. Board of Trustees Approval (The proposed date the BOT will consider the new program.)

If approved, this program will be placed on the earliest BOT agenda for approval before Fall 2009.

15. Desegregation (Describe black student recruitment and retention strategies. State the percentage of black students enrolled in institution and projected percentage in new program.)

The COB will continue to advertise its graduate programs at institutions with high minority enrollments as well as to Mid-South delta colleges.

16. How will this program be assessed?

This program's assessment will be under the purview of the Association for the Advancement of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) as are the other programs within the COB.

17. Does this affect other programs? If yes, how?

Yes. The addition of this concentration within the MBA degree will make the program more attractive to a larger group of students.

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From the most current electronic version of the bulletin, copy all bulletin pages that this proposal affects and paste it to the end of this proposal.

AFTER PAGE 191 of the CURRENT BULLETIN (conclusion of the subheading PROGRAM of STUDY for the MASTER of BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE, insert the following:

**MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
CONCENTRATION in MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

The MBA with Concentration in MIS program is designed to allow graduate business students the ability to select in-depth coverage of the core components of today's IT field while furthering their business administration academic career. Students will complete the 24 hours within the MBA core (which includes two graduate level MIS course) and 9 additional hours of graduate level MIS coursework.

Admission Requirements

All general admission requirements of the Graduate School are applicable to the program, as are all admission requirements of the Master of Business Administration. These include the requirements for conditional and unconditional admission. In addition, the applicant must have completed the MBA foundation courses at either the graduate or the undergraduate level.

Program of Study

Each student within the program will complete the following 24 hours within the MBA core:

**ACCT 6003, Accounting for Planning and Control
ECON 6313, Managerial Economics
FIN 6723, Advanced Management of Finance
MIS 6413, Management Information Systems
MGMT 6403, Seminar in Organizational Behavior and Leadership
MGMT 6423, Strategic Management
MKTG 6223, Marketing Policies
MIS 6543, Business Analytics**

In addition, students will complete the following 9 hours of MIS courses:

**MIS 6453, Electronic Commerce
MIS 6463, Information Systems Analysis & Design
Any 6000-level MIS course**

Total Program Coursework: 33 Hours