

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY™

Graduate Programs—PROGRAM CHANGE REQUEST

UGPC APPROVAL _____
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 CATALOG _____

DEPARTMENT:
SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTING

COLLEGE:
BUSINESS

PROGRAM NAME:
**MASTER OF ACCOUNTING, MASTER OF TAXATION, EXECUTIVE MASTER OF ACCOUNTING, AND
 EXECUTIVE MASTER OF TAXATION**

EFFECTIVE DATE
 (PROVIDE YEAR)

SPRING 2014

PLEASE EXPLAIN THE REQUESTED CHANGE(S) AND OFFER RATIONALE BELOW AND/OR ATTACHED:

Revise admission standards for traditional Master of Accounting, Master of Taxation, Executive Master of Accounting, and Executive Master of Taxation programs. The change will allow for differences between the two programs and permit the executive programs to consider admission criteria that have been shown in research to be more predictive of executive program student success.

New catalog language attached.

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Consult and list departments that might be affected by the change and attach comments.

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Date:

10/7/13
10-23-13
10-23-13
11-20-13
11-21-13

Email this form and syllabus to UGPC@fau.edu **one week before** the University Graduate Programs Committee meeting so that materials may be viewed on the UGPC website prior to the meeting.

Proposal

Revision to ACG/TAX Graduate Program Admission Standards

October 8, 2013

The School of Accounting voted to revise the admission standards for our traditional Master of Accounting, traditional Master of Taxation, Executive Master of Accounting, and Executive Master of Taxation programs. This change will allow for differences between the two programs (traditional and executive) and permit the executive programs to consider admission criteria that are, according to research, more predictive of executive program students' success.

Replace the following paragraph (as it is currently in the catalog) with the subsequent paragraphs under "New verbiage."

Enrollment Policy/Admission Requirements for Accounting Master's Programs

The College of Business seeks a diverse and highly qualified group of graduate students. Applications are evaluated on several factors emphasizing prior academic performance, GMAT, GRE or LSAT scores and the potential for scholarly and professional success. In addition to other requirements for admission to the Graduate College at FAU, to be considered for these masters programs in the College of Business, applicants must:

- Have earned a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university or the international equivalent.
- Have a strong grade point average on all previous college work, though emphasis is placed on the last 60 credits earned.
- Submit an official, competitive score on a GMAT, GRE or LSAT exam taken within the past five years. For the traditional master's programs: at least a 500 on the GMAT or a 153 on the GRE verbal, 144 on the GRE quantitative and 4 on the GRE analytical writing section. For the Executive Master of Accounting: at least a 500 on the GMAT; or a 148 on the GRE verbal, 147 on the GRE quantitative and 4 on the GRE analytical writing section; or a 150 on the LSAT. For the Executive Master of Taxation: at least a 500 on the GMAT; or a 153 on the GRE verbal, 144 on the GRE quantitative and 4 on the GRE analytical writing section; or a 150 on the LSAT. When evaluating test scores, the admissions committee looks for a balance between verbal, quantitative and analytical writing strengths. All three components are required. Admission test waivers considered for students with an active CPA licence, J.D., Ph.D. or those with a master's degree from an AACSB accredited business program.
- International applicants whose native language is not English must have a TOEFL score of at least 600 (paper), 250 (computer) or 100 (Internet).

Supplemental information applicants may provide in support of applications includes:

- A one-page résumé;
- Letter(s) of recommendation from employers, faculty members or others who can attest to the applicant's scholarly ability and/or agency;
- A writing sample demonstrating analytical and explanatory skills.

New verbiage:**Admission Requirements – Accounting Masters Programs**

The College of Business seeks a diverse and highly qualified group of graduate students. Admission to the Accounting Masters Programs is competitive and applications are evaluated on several factors indicating the potential for scholarly and professional success. In addition to other requirements for admission to the Graduate College at FAU, to be considered for these masters programs in the College of Business, applicants must:

- Have earned a bachelor degree from a regionally accredited college or university or the international equivalent.
- Have a competitive grade point average on all previous college work, though emphasis is placed on the last 60 credits earned.
- Submit an official, competitive score on a GMAT, GRE or LSAT exam taken within the past five years. When evaluating test scores, the admissions committee looks for a balance between verbal, quantitative and analytical writing strengths. All three components are required. Admission test waivers are considered for students with an active CPA licence, J.D., Ph.D. or those with a master degree from an AACSB accredited business program.
- If the applicant is a graduate of a foreign college or university who has completed an academic program equivalent to a bachelor degree earned in the United States, submit an official certified transcript indicating the nature and scope of his or her academic training.
- If the applicant's native language is not English, submit a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

It is recommended that applicants provide the following supplemental information to support the application:

- Documentation of professional work experience.
- Evidence of professional certifications relevant to the accounting profession.
- Evidence of advanced degrees from a regionally accredited college or university or the international equivalent.
- A one-page résumé.
- Letter(s) of recommendation from employers, faculty members or others who can attest to the applicant's scholarly ability and/or agency.
- A writing sample demonstrating analytical and explanatory skills; this writing sample may explain the student's motivation for applying to the program and career intent after graduation.

Admission into an Accounting Master Program does not constitute admission into an Executive Accounting Master program. Non-executive students cannot register for courses in the executive programs.

Admission Requirements – Executive Accounting Masters Programs

The College of Business seeks a diverse and highly qualified group of graduate students. Admission to the Executive Accounting Masters Programs is competitive and applications are evaluated on several factors indicating the potential for scholarly and professional success. In addition to other requirements for admission to the Graduate College at FAU, to be considered for these masters programs in the College of Business, applicants must:

- Have earned a bachelor degree from a regionally accredited college or university or the international equivalent.
- Have a competitive grade point average on all previous college work, though emphasis is placed on the last 60 credits earned.
- If the applicant is a graduate of a foreign college or university who has completed an academic program equivalent to an American bachelor degree, submit an official certified transcript indicating the nature and scope of his or her academic training.
- If the applicant's native language is not English, submit a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

It is recommended that applicants provide the following supplemental information to support the application:

- An official, competitive score on a GMAT, GRE or LSAT exam taken within the past five years. When evaluating test scores, the admissions committee looks for a balance between verbal, quantitative and analytical writing strengths.
- Documentation of professional work experience.
- Evidence of professional certifications relevant to the accounting profession.
- Evidence of advanced degrees from a regionally accredited college or university or the international equivalent.
- A one-page résumé.
- Letter(s) of recommendation from employers, faculty members or others who can attest to the applicant's scholarly ability and/or agency.
- A writing sample demonstrating analytical and explanatory skills; this writing sample may explain the student's motivation for applying to the program and career intent after graduation.

Admission into an Executive Accounting Master Program does not constitute admission into the non-executive Accounting Master Program. Executive students can only register for courses in the executive programs.

Please delete the following paragraph in the section called "The Executive Master's Programs":
Admission into the Executive Master's Programs does not constitute admission into non-executive programs and vice versa. Executive students can only register for courses in the executive programs. Similarly, non-executive students cannot register for executive master's courses.

Please delete the following paragraph in the section called "Admission Requirements for International Students":

A graduate of a foreign college or university who has completed an academic program equivalent to an American bachelor's degree may apply for admission to the master's programs. International students are required to submit the necessary application forms and an official certified transcript indicating the nature and scope of their academic training. An international applicant whose native language is not English must submit a score of at least 600 (CBT-250) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). For details, applicants should write to: Test of English as a Foreign Language, Educational Testing Service, P.O. Box 6151, Princeton, New Jersey, 08540-6151, U.S.A., or visit www.ets.org. The IELTS test may also be considered. See www.ielts.org.