



Academic Programs Committee of Council University Course Challenge

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New courses and course revisions in BPBE, MBA, LAW and ME; program change in MBA requirements.

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College of Graduate Studies and Research

BIORESOURCE POLICY, BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

New Graduate Course

BPBE 825.3 – Research Issues in Agribusiness Management

Prerequisites/ Restrictions:

None

Calendar Description:

Lectures/discussions will emphasize the development and illustration of concepts, issues, and research questions in agribusiness, both past and present. The course readings will provide a general framework for class lecture/discussions. Through assignments and in-class discussions, students will broaden their understanding of practical and research issues within the context of agribusiness management.

Rationale:

This course fulfills a need for students with a research focus on agribusiness management. This course introduces students to the seminal papers in agribusiness research while also exposing students to current research topics. As the Department of Bioresource Policy, Business and Economics wishes to strengthen its graduate-level agribusiness management program, this course will serve as a core course for students interested in a graduate degree that focuses on

agribusiness management. Furthermore, this offering might help students find a research topic or give them ideas for extensions of their current topic.

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Approval:

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BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Graduate Course Modification

MBA 865.3 – Accounting for Planning, Decision Making and Operations

Current course title:

Accounting for Planning, Decision Making and Operations

Proposed course title:

Accounting for Planning and Decision Making

Current Calendar Description:

Introduces students to the vital role that management accounting information plays in a running a successful organization in today's economy. Information used by managers for planning and decision-making is often different from the information used by creditors, investors and others outside the organization. Provides tools and techniques used by operations decision makers.

Proposed Calendar Description:

Introduces students to the vital role that management accounting information plays in business, including concepts, definitions and calculations. We will integrate this knowledge into the decision making aspects of management control systems that assist managers in executing their business strategy.

Rationale:

The April 2012 external review of the Edwards MBA, initiated by the College of Graduate Studies and Research, suggested the MBA program have a greater emphasis on operations management in order to meet relevant program learning goals. As a result, the new course MBA 830.3 Operations Management is being proposed. Content from MBA 865.3 pertaining to operations management will be covered instead in MBA 830 instead. The proposed name change and change to calendar description is proposed in order to reflect this change.

Graduate Course Modification

MBA 880.0 – International Study Tour

Current course number and credit unit weighting:

MBA 880.0 (zero credit units)

Proposed course number and credit unit weighting:

MBA 883.3 (three credit units)

Current course grading:

Pass/fail

Proposed course grading:

Percentage numerical grade

Current Calendar Description:

Designed to enhance the classroom curriculum through increasing the awareness of how a global economy functions, provide first-hand exposure to the business culture of a chosen country or region and the world of international economics.

Proposed Calendar Description:

An immersive experiential learning course designed to enhance the classroom curriculum through first-hand exposure to industry, organizations, and business practices in another cultural context. Students and faculty participate in collaborative and internationalized academic opportunities with counterparts in the host country, company visits, discussions with business leaders and cultural awareness activities.

Rationale:

The Edwards MBA has done a market scan of Canadian MBA programs with a view to compare the International Study Tour options. Of the 27 Canadian Schools scanned 16 programs offered no trip, 9 had optional trips and 2 had mandatory trips. The Edwards MBA has a mandatory trip offered in the final summer of the program that it is a zero credit pass/fail course. The fact that this course is mandatory gives us a competitive advantage over others in the market as it signals our commitment to the internationalization and global perspectives of our program. To further protect this competitive advantage we want to continue enhancing the academic rigour of the course. We are in the process of developing deeper relationships with educational institutions in China, such as the Beijing Institute of Technology and hope to enhance the pedagogy of our course through partnering with these Chinese institutions to deliver enhanced learning opportunities.

We are proposing that this course become more substantive and rigorous with an increased credit unit weighting from 0 to 3, consistent with the deeper work requirement. We will assign a dedicated faculty member to the course to ensure the quality of academic experience.

New Graduate Course

MBA 830.3 – Operations Management

Prerequisites/ Restrictions:

MBA 803.3 – Business and Society

Calendar Description:

Explores activities related to the production of goods and delivery of services, as well as improvement of key business processes. Examines the tools, principles and analytical techniques that managers and business analysts use to investigate key issues within the operations function.

Rationale:

The April 2012 external review of the Edwards MBA, initiated by the College of Graduate Studies and Research, suggested the MBA program have a greater emphasis on operations management in order to meet relevant program learning goals. MBA 830.3 Operations Management will cover the fundamental body of knowledge required to meet our program learning goals.

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Graduate Course Deletion

MBA 881.3 – Mergers, Acquisitions and Negotiating for Business

Calendar Description:

Examines the financial and economic aspects of corporate mergers, including valuation and shareholder wealth effects, the motivation of mergers and anti-takeover devices and their effect on corporate governance. Students will also develop negotiation skills in a business context.

Rationale:

As pointed out by the external reviewer's in their final report, content specific to Mergers and Acquisitions is not typically covered as part of the core in an MBA program but would rather be a specialization topic. The topic of negotiation has been included in MBA 813.3 Strategic Human Resources Management.

Program Revision: Master of Business Administration

Change to Required Courses and Change to Required Credit Units

Rationale:

To reflect changes to course numbering for MBA 880.0 (MBA 883.3 proposed), and to incorporate changes recommended by external reviewers. Specifically, MBA 831 is being deleted, and as such should no longer be listed as a required course. MBA 830 – Operations Management is being created to cover a fundamental body of knowledge required to meet program learning goals, and as such should be a required course. Because MBA 880 is increasing by three credit units, the number of credit units required for completion of the program is increasing from 42 to 45.

Current MBA Program Requirements	Proposed MBA Program Requirements
<p>A residency requirement of 12 months for full-time, and up to 36 months for the part-time program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSR 960.0 • GSR 961.0 if research involves human subjects • GSR 962.0 if research involves animal subjects • 42 credits, including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MBA 803.3 ○ MBA 813.3 ○ MBA 819.3 ○ MBA 825.3 ○ MBA 828.3 ○ MBA 829.3 ○ MBA 846.3 ○ MBA 865.3 ○ MBA 870.3 ○ MBA 877.3 ○ MBA 878.3 ○ MBA 880.0 	<p>A residency requirement of 12 months for full-time, and up to 36 months for the part-time program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSR 960.0 • GSR 961.0 if research involves human subjects • GSR 962.0 if research involves animal subjects • 42 45 credits, including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MBA 803.3 ○ MBA 813.3 ○ MBA 819.3 ○ MBA 825.3 ○ MBA 828.3 ○ MBA 829.3 ○ MBA 830.3 ○ MBA 846.3 ○ MBA 865.3 ○ MBA 870.3 ○ MBA 877.3 ○ MBA 878.3

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MBA 881.3 ○ MBA 889.3 ○ MBA 992.3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MBA 880.0 ○ MBA 883.3 ○ MBA 881.3 ○ MBA 889.3 ○ MBA 992.3
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LAW**New Graduate Course****LAW 805.3 – Advanced Criminal Law Studies****Prerequisites/ Restrictions:**

LLB or JD degree

Calendar Description:

Critical analysis of criminal law with emphasis on theoretical discussion of the grounds of criminal liability and criminal responsibility. The challenges social and cultural diversity pose for the operation of criminal justice systems and perspectives arising from comparative and human rights law may be considered.

Rationale:

This course, offered jointly with the corresponding undergraduate course Law 405.3, affords graduate students in law an opportunity to develop an advanced understanding of fundamental theoretical issues in criminal law area. This is particularly valuable for students who plan thesis research on issues related to criminal law and the operation of criminal justice systems.

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MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**New Graduate Course****ME 897.3 – Mechanics and Control of Robots****Prerequisites/ Restrictions:**

None

Calendar Description:

The course objective is to understand the mechanics and control of mechanical manipulators and mobile robots. This course will cover topics such as kinematics and dynamics of manipulators and mobile robots, trajectory and path planning, control (computed-torque control, neural network), and force control of robots and manipulators.

Rationale:

There are no courses which cover these topics at the University of Saskatchewan. The graduate students who wish to work in the area of robotics need to know these topics in order to effectively do their research.

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