

PROPOSAL FOR COURSE CHANGE

To: Curriculum Committee

From: **Business and Economics Department**

Date submitted: **August 27, 2007**

Request for: Course change _____ Course deletion _____ Course addition X
(Excluding course credit hour changes)

Submitted by: **Kevin Mason** *Km*

Approved by: School Cur. Comm: **David Roach** *DWR*
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Dean of School: **Tom Tyler** *TT*

Reviewed by: Registrar: **Tammy Rhodes** *Tammy Rhodes*
Vice President: **Jack Hamm**

If this is a deletion or other minor change, describe and give rationale.

If this is an addition of a new course, fill in the following and attach a syllabus (syllabus should include course objectives, and outline of the course with sufficient details to illuminate course content, and a bibliography. The Curriculum Committee/Graduate Council does not need evaluation and testing procedural information nor does it need excessively long bibliographies).

I. Catalog description: **FIN**

Number: **4103**

Title for Catalog: **Special Topics in Finance**

*Title for Course Inventory (24 characters):

Description: **This course provides in-depth exploration of selected finance topics. The primary topic will vary from offering to offering; thus, the course may be taken more than once.**

Effective date or term: **Fall 2008**

*Course fees:

*2006-09 Catalog
Summer I 2006*

II. Justification and feasibility of course:

A. What is the need for this course? Who will take it?

The proposed course would serve as an FIN elective which could be used to satisfy 3 hours of the required ECON/FIN electives needed by ECON/FIN majors. Emerging "hot" topics can be explored in a detailed fashion to enhance

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the academic preparation of ECON/FIN majors. The course is designed to be taken by ECON/FIN majors.

- B. How does it relate to other work being offered by your department? Is there an overlap with other courses in the department?

This course content will vary from offering to offering and instructor to instructor. The assigned instructor will select a timely finance related topic (examples include but are not limited to "Series Seven License Preparation", "International Finance", and "Finance Ethics"). Students will be exposed to a comprehensive look at the topic of choice.

- C. Is this course part of any general plan of development within your department? Explain.

Yes, it is designed to give students more choices when selecting ECON electives. The course is also designed to utilize the backgrounds and academic strengths of our current faculty.

- D. How often will the course be offered?

As Needed

- E. How will the course be staffed?

With current faculty

- F. How will this course change affect other departments' students and offerings? With what other departments have you specifically consulted?

No other departments will be affected.

***Note: Each new course proposal must include a short explanation describing how the new course integrates with the assessment process of the department in which the course will be taught.**

While this is not a core course (required by all departmental majors), it is hoped that this course will advance the attainment of various student learning objectives. For example, depending upon the topic, critical thinking skills, problem solving skills, and ethical reasoning (see attached School of Business Learning Objectives) may be enhanced.

An Outline in specific detail of how proposal will alter the program curriculum follows (next page):

The proposed course will not require any change on the program curriculum as currently stated in the ATU catalog.

School of Business Learning Objectives

1. Ability to use technology to support managerial decisions.
2. Communication and presentation skills.
3. Written and communication skills.
4. Problem solving skills.
5. Critical thinking skills.
6. Foundation knowledge for business.
7. Understanding the perspectives that form the context for business.
8. Ethical reasoning and behavior.

FIN 4103
Special Topics in Finance: Series 7 License Preparation

Example
Topic

Course Description:

Advanced study in topic offered.

Prerequisites:

Senior standing, background in course offered, and permission of the department chair.

Instructor Information:

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MWF 9:00 – 10:00

1:00 – 2:00

TR 11:00 – 12:00

2:30 – 3:30

Other times by appointment

Textbook:

There is no textbook, rather the Business and Economics department has a set of 13 readings (similar to that provided in a Series 7 study program) that the student will review. **Topics include:** Stocks, Debt Securities, Investment Banking, Securities Markets, Taxes, Direct Participation Programs, Mutual Funds, Variable Annuities, Securities Analysis, Margins on Options, Self Regulatory Organizations, and Municipal Securities.

Course Objective:

Purpose of this course is to help prepare students for passing the Series 7 Exam which if passed results in a license to handle/manage certain types of securities.

Examinations:

Students will take thirteen Series 7 practice exams. Grades to be determined by performance on exams.