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SUBJECT: Changes to Residency Requirements in the Major

DATE: September 29, 2005

The Bauer College of Business recommends that the Undergraduate Council approve the following changes to residency requirements in the major: 18 semester hours for MIS, 15 semester hours for accounting, and 12 semester hours for all other concentrations in business.

Current Catalog Wording: The last 30 semester hours of a bachelor's degree must be completed in residence. A residency requirement of 12 semester hours of advanced accounting course work is required for the accounting area of concentration. Twelve semester hours of advanced MIS course work in residence are required for the MIS area of concentration. In the remaining areas of concentration, nine semester hours of advanced course work in residence are required.

Proposed Catalog Wording: The last 30 semester hours of a bachelor's degree must be completed in residence. Eighteen semester hours of advanced MIS course work in residence are required for the MIS area of concentration. A residency requirement of 15 semester hours of advanced accounting course work is required for the accounting area of concentration. In the remaining areas of concentration, twelve semester hours of advanced course work in residence are required.

Rationale: Each business concentration requires 18 hours of courses that are major-specific, with the exception of accounting, which requires 21, and MIS which requires 24. Limiting students to six hours of transfer work that count in the concentration would improve the integrity and quality of the degree. When the current residency limits were established, the residency requirements were based on fewer required courses in the area of concentration, but the number of required courses in the area of concentration has since increased.

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