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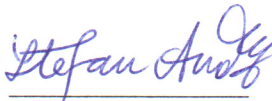Subject: Updated catalog description of the CIS/MBA track

To: Dr. Kevin Smith
    Professor and Senior Associate Provost
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As a consequence of the changes in course requirements, Mr. Jeff Dyson, Director of the Master of Business and Administration (MBA) Program, College of Business and Dr. Stefan Andrei, Chair of the Department of Computer Science, met and agreed to update the catalog description of the Computer Information Science (C.I.S.)/M.B.A. track.

The students are now given more choices to graduate this track, as described in the updated catalog description (attached). These changes will not result in any decrease in total hours of the CIS/MBA program. In addition, these changes will not result in any double counting of courses for two different degree programs. We kindly request to approve the updated catalog description of the CIS/MBA track.

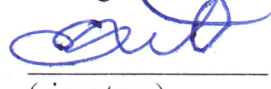Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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CATALOG DESCRIPTION OF CIS/MBA TRACK

The B.S. in Computer Information Sciences Program can prepare a student to complete the foundation courses required to achieve an MBA program in the College of Business.

Thus, a student can receive a B.S. in Computer Information Sciences and an MBA within five years after the beginning of his/her study at Lamar. The below courses from the College of Business are required for the B.S. in Computer Information Sciences.

By utilizing four electives for the B.S. in Computer Information Sciences Program, the equivalent of the classes taken as foundation courses of the MBA can be completed during the bachelor's degree, as follows:

Course Number	Course Name	Index Name	Alternative Number	Alternative Course	Alternative Index Name
U1	Micro Economics	ECON 2301	G1	Economics	ECON 5300
U2	Macro Economics	ECON 2302			
U3	Financial Accounting	ACCT 2301	G2	Accounting	ACCT 5315
U4	Managerial Accounting	ACCT 2302			
U5	Finance	FINC 3310	G3	Finance	FINC 5300
U6	Business Law	BULW 3310	G4	Business Law	BULW 5300

A student can take U1 and U2 to be substituted for G1, and vice versa. Similarly, a student can take U3 and U4 to be substituted for G2, and vice versa. For the other two courses, U5 can be substituted for G3 and U6 can be substituted for G4, and vice versa. In addition, COSC 3325 (Computer Law and Ethics) is now a required course in the CIS/MBA track, not an elective.

Students with a B.S. in Computer Information Sciences who pursue this program can begin their second year of the MBA program immediately after graduation and admission to the MBA program. Admission to the MBA program requires the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT).

CATALOG DESCRIPTION OF CIS/MBA TRACK

The B.S. in Computer Information Sciences Program can prepare a student to complete the first of the two years required to achieve an MBA program in the College of Business.

Thus, a student can receive a B.S. in Computer Information Sciences and an MBA within five years after the beginning of his/her study at Lamar. Seven courses from the College of Business are required for the B.S. in Computer Information Sciences.

By utilizing four electives for the B.S. in Computer Information Sciences Program, the equivalent of the classes taken in the first year of the MBA can be completed during the bachelor's degree.

The following seven courses are required by the Computer Information Sciences degree:

Economics 1301	(ECON 1301)
Business Analysis I	(BUA 3310)
Management 3310	(MGMT 3310)
Management 3320	(MGMT 3320)
Accounting 2301	(ACCT 2301)
Accounting 2302	(ACCT 2302)
Finance 3310	(FINC 3310)

If, in addition, the student uses the COSC/CPSC elective to take COSC 3325 (Computer Ethics and Law) and uses her/his other elective to take Business Analysis II (BUAL 3320), Marketing 3310 (MKTG 3310) and Business Communication 3350 (BCOM 3350), then the equivalent of the first year MBA courses will have been completed.

Students with a B.S. in Computer Information Sciences who pursue this program can begin their second year of the MBA program immediately after graduation and admission to the MBA program. Admission to the MBA program requires the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT).