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**Curriculum Proposal Cover Sheet - University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee**

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Check all appropriate lines and complete information as requested. Use a separate cover sheet for each course proposal and for each program proposal.

<b>1. Course Proposals (check all that apply)</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> New Course	<input type="checkbox"/> Course Prefix Change	<input type="checkbox"/> Course Deletion
<input type="checkbox"/> Course Revision	<input type="checkbox"/> Course Number and/or Title Change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Catalog Description Change
IFMG 230 Introduction to Back-End Business Applications		
<i>Current Course prefix, number and full title</i>		<i>Proposed course prefix, number and full title, if changing</i>
<b>2. Additional Course Designations: check if appropriate</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> This course is also proposed as a Liberal Studies Course.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: (e.g., Women's Studies, Pan-African)	
<input type="checkbox"/> This course is also proposed as an Honors College Course.		
<b>3. Program Proposals</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> New Degree Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Program Title Change	<input type="checkbox"/> Program Revision
<input type="checkbox"/> New Minor Program	<input type="checkbox"/> New Track	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<i>Current program name</i>		<i>Proposed program name, if changing</i>
<b>4. Approvals</b>		
Department Curriculum Committee Chair(s)	<i>Micki Hyde</i>	<b>Date</b> <i>1-18-07</i>
Department Chair(s)	<i>Jan H. Rogers</i>	<i>1-19-07</i>
College Curriculum Committee Chair	<i>John M. Melkie</i>	<i>3-5-07</i>
College Dean	<i>Robt C. Camp</i>	<i>3-8-07</i>
Director of Liberal Studies *		
Director of Honors College *		
Provost *		
Additional signatures as appropriate: (include title)		
UWUCC Co-Chairs	<i>Gail S. Schuest</i>	<i>3-20-07</i>

\* where applicable

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**Liberal Studies**

## **II. Description of Curriculum Change**

1. A complete catalog description including the course name, class and lab hour designation, number of credits, the prerequisites, and the new course description.

IFMG 230 Introduction to Back-End Business Applications                      3c-01-3cr

### **Catalog Description:**

(New Course Listing):

**Prerequisites: IFMG 210**

Introduces the back-end business programming language as it applies to business organizations and their applications. Structured back-end business concepts and methods are taught as the student learns how to solve business problems using computers. Involves using files, reports, and tables to produce a variety of outputs utilized in operating and managing business activities.

2. A listing of the proposed change including the complete old catalog description.

**CHANGE: Drop the Acct 201 Prerequisite.**

### **Catalog Description:**

(Current/Old Course Listing):

**Prerequisites: Acct 201 and IFMG 210**

Introduces the back-end business programming language as it applies to business organizations and their applications. Structured back-end business concepts and methods are taught as the student learns how to solve business problems using computers. Involves using files, reports, and tables to produce a variety of outputs utilized in operating and managing business activities.

3. Justification/rationale for the change.

The current prerequisite for Accounting 201 is not necessary to the content of this course. The current Syllabus of Record makes no mention of Accounting practices or theory and therefore, this is simply a catalog change rather than a course change. This prerequisite places an unnecessary constraint on the students' enrollment in this class and the knowledge learned in Accounting 201 is not applied directly and is not necessary for the student's completion of the class assignments or overall objectives.

**III. Letters of Support or Acknowledgement  
(See Attached)**

**From:** "Jerry Kline" <gpcline@iup.edu>  
**Subject:** Letter of Support  
**Date:** Fri, 19 Jan 2007 12:57:33 -0500  
**To:** "James A Rodger" <jrodger@iup.edu>



**To:** Dr. James Rodger,  
Chair, Management Information Systems & Decision Sciences Department

As chair of the Accounting Department, I would like to provide our Letter of Support for your proposal to drop ACCT 201 and/or ACCT 202 as a prerequisite for: IFMG 230, IFMG 251, IFMG 255, and IFMG 300. I have reviewed your rationale, and along with members of our departmental curriculum committee, do not believe that this action would adversely impact the body of knowledge required for these courses or College of Business students in general. We understand and are in agreement that the Junior Standing requirements will not be superseded by this request. If you require any further action or documentation please let me know.

Dr. Germain Kline  
Chair, Accounting Department  
Eberly College of Business and Information Technology

----- Original Message ----- From: "James A Rodger" <jrodger@iup.edu>  
To: <gpkline>  
Cc: <bobcamp>  
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 8:50 AM  
Subject: Accounting Prerequisite

Dear Jerry,

As I mentioned to you last semester, our department has voted to eliminate Accounting prerequisites for our IFMG courses. When we spoke, you indicated you had no problem with this decision. Would you mind sending an e-mail to this effect via a reply to me that we can submit as a formal Letter of Acknowledgement along with our Curriculum Proposal/Change paperwork to appropriate curriculum committees, Dean Camp, etc.? The courses involved are as follows:

IFMG 230 - Introduction to Back-End Business Applications  
IFMG 251 - Business Systems Analysis and Design  
IFMG 255 - Business Applications in COBOL  
IFMG 300 - Management Information Systems: Theory and Practice

(Please note that Junior Standing-that requires Accounting 201 and 202-be required for IFMG 300. This catalog change just eliminates that requirement.)

Our courses, naturally, refer to information systems in the context of functional areas of business and this will not change. However, present our assignments or course objectives require prior accounting knowledge (with the exception of IFMG 300 as discussed above). None of the Syllabi of Record courses mention accounting and, therefore, there is no need for a change in course.

Our department appreciates your support in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Jim Rodger

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