



## **ACADEMIC ALERT #2007-17**

**DATE:** June 2007  
**DECISION:** College of Management and Business (CMB)

**Addition of New Concentration in Accounting**  
**B.A. in Business Administration with a Concentration in Accounting**

### **Rationale**

The new concentration adds three terms to the existing B.A. in Business Administration to create a B.A. in Business Administration with a Concentration in Accounting. This enables students who complete the degree to meet the course and credit hour requirements to sit for the Illinois CPA exam.

CMB, in responding to a request from the College of DuPage, has developed a program that, although tailored for COD students, is expandable to other two-year institutions. Much like the basic B.A. in Business Administration program, there is potential to offer a similar program at the University Center for College of Lake County students and at any other locations where the B.A. in Business Administration eventually is offered.

**Senate Academic Planning Committee Approval: June 21, 2007**  
**Faculty Senate Approval: Point of Information; Not Required**  
**Provost Approval: Point of Information; Not Required**

**Program Authorizations:** The B.A. in Business Administration Program is authorized to be offered in the following Illinois Regions: Chicago; North Suburban; West Suburban; and South Metropolitan. The B.A. in Business Administration is also authorized to be offered at the NLU campus in Virginia; and at WSB-NLU Nowy Sacz, Poland.

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** The first cohort of students is scheduled for Fall 2008. Marketing and recruitment can begin immediately.

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## **Description of the B.A. in Business Administration with a Concentration in Accounting**

The first four terms are identical to those of the B.A. in Business Administration. This will allow those students interested in the Accounting Concentration to enter with B.A. in Business Administration students, increasing the number of students per cohort and allowing for more flexibility in scheduling. Only one course Accounting and Budgeting for Managers within the “basic” B.A in Business Administration curriculum will need to be specialized for accounting students. Those students interested in the Concentration in Accounting will then remain three more terms to not only complete their undergraduate degrees, but also meet the requirements of the CPA Exam.

The four-term, 49-quarter hour cohort degree completion plan is positioned as offering potential students a “3 + 1” program where they can continue at their community college after completing their AAS (Associate in Applied Science) in Management degree. This third year is likely to be more affordable to the students and conveniently located at or near their community/junior college. Once they have successfully completed any remaining General Education courses and the recommended business-related courses, resulting in approximately 90 semester hours or 135 quarter hours, students can apply to National-Louis University for admission into the degree completion Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration program.

Students transfer in approximately 137 quarter hours, and then will complete the remaining quarter hours at NLU, resulting in 225 quarter hours which meet the course requirements identified by the Illinois CPA Exam. Any student with fewer hours than needed will be helped to identify missing coursework and then will be offered MGT 495 courses (or Courses by Arrangement) for that missing coursework.

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A student who decides not to go for the accounting concentration can be advised to change programs to the B.A. Business Administration.

### **Admission Requirements**

Applicants need to meet current admission requirements for the B.A. Business Administration.

**Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration with a Concentration in Accounting**

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>QH</b>
<b>TERM ONE</b>		
MGT407	Advanced Business Writing	4
MGT408	Issues in International Business	4
MGT409	Issues in Consumer Behavior	4
<b>TERM TWO</b>		
MGT414	Business Research Methods and Communication	4
MGT418	Concepts and Applications in Financial Management	4
MGT428	Ethical Issues in Business and Management	4
<b>TERM THREE</b>		
MGT451	Quantitative Methods for Managers	5
MGT438	Information Management Systems	4
MGT434	Accounting and Budgeting for Managers	4
<b>TERM FOUR</b>		
MGT481	Advanced Concepts in Operations Management	4
MGT400	Business Strategy	4
	Business Elective or Internship	4
	B.A. BA without Accounting; Total: 49 QH	
<b>TERM FIVE</b>	B.A. BA with Accounting Concentration Begins; 39-42 Additional QH	
MGT420	Advanced Accounting	4
MGT432	Advanced Business Law (New Course)	4
MGT370*	International Accounting	4
MGT495**	Special Topics	1-2
<b>TERM SIX</b>		
MGT427	Advanced Cost Accounting (New Course)	4
MGT412*	Organizational Behavior	4
MGT454*	Project Management	4
MGT495**	Special Topics	1-2
<b>TERM SEVEN</b>		
MGT405	Accounting Information Systems (New Course)	4
MGT404	Diversity in the Workplace (New Course)	4
MGT 371*	International Finance	4
MGT495**	Special Topics	1-2
	Total Hours for B.A. BA with Concentration in Accounting	88-91

\* Current CMB Course: Revamping of approximately 4 courses will begin Fall 2007.

\*\* Depending on how many hours a student transfers in, and will need by the time of graduation to reach the 225 quarter-hour minimum, students will be offered Special Topics courses (MGT 495) to reach these minimums. A student transferring in 137 quarter hours would need 88 quarter hours at NLU to reach the minimum of 225 quarter hours to sit for the Illinois CPA Exam. Students who do not need the additional hours will only take the required courses.

**Implementation**

All changes need to be entered in Banner and CAPP.

Marketing materials need to be developed and the new concentration added to NLU's website.

The new catalog copy will be written and submitted to the Vice Provost and Assistant Registrar for Schedules and Catalogs to ensure that catalog copy is prepared and ready for the next catalog, 2008-2009.