



Lakehead University Faculty of Business Administration

REQUEST REPORT

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Request Contents

Type	Title
1. New Version of a Degree	Master of Business Administration (MBA)

Request History

Workflow Step	Workflow Action	User	Change Made	Comments	Date
Initiator	Approved	Morna Toderash	Yes	Submitted to workflow	01/28/2013
Dean and Faculty Council Review Stage	Approved	Bahram Dadgostar	No	Approved	01/28/2013
Faculty of Graduate Studies Council	Approved	Laurie Hill	Yes	Approved by Faculty of Graduate Studies Council at meeting of Mar 7, 2013. Changed number of required half-courses.	03/13/2013

Supporting Documents

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1.	New Version of a Degree	MBA.CO - Master of Business Administration (MBA)
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Degree Details

CURRENT VERSION	PROPOSED VERSION
MBA.CO - Master of Business Administration (MBA) Start Term: Fall 2009 End Term: No Specified End Date	MBA.CO - Master of Business Administration (MBA) Start Term: Fall 2009 2013 End Term: No Specified End Date

<u>Required Information</u>	
CURRENT VERSION	PROPOSED VERSION
Institution Unit Faculty of Business Administration	Institution Unit Faculty of Business Administration
Degree Type MBA	Degree Type MBA
Major BUSI	Major BUSI
Minor	Minor
Specialization	Specialization
Rationale	Rationale <i>Research methodology (Business 5116) and Research Methods (Business 5056) is being jointly offered in our MBA and MSc (Mgmt) programs. Based on exit interviews of students, feedback of the faculty member teaching Research Methodology and comments from other faculty members, it has been decided to remove Business 5116 (Research Methodology) as a required course from Master of Business Administration curriculum for the following reasons: 1. MBA students have often commented during exit interviews that the program offers more courses compared to other MBA programs making it difficult for students to cope with program requirements and perform better. 2. Faculty members and students have also raised concerns about the practical value of a research oriented course in an MBA program which is considered a hands-on professional program. Students feel that the course does not add as much value to their degree and their time is better utilized focusing on other courses. 3. The faculty member teaching the course to MBA students has also expressed concerns that MBA students tend to question the usefulness of this course. This affects their outlook and hence ability to perform better compared to MSc (Mgmt) students. 4. This change will remove the only common course between MBA and MSc program and help consolidate a unique and separate identify of our MSc (Mgmt) program further facilitating program promotion. Some component of this course which are still considered useful will: 1. Be spread out between</i>

	<i>relevant existing courses. 2. Added to our Professional Orientation (Bus 5010) course.</i>
<p>Requirements</p> <p>Course Route</p> <p>The Master of Business Administration program consists of sixteen required half-courses for a total of eight (8) FCEs. The courses are:</p> <p>Business 5010 - Professional Orientation Business 5013 - Management Information Systems Business 5015 - Business Ethics Business 5016 - Operations Management Business 5017 - Managerial Economics Business 5031 - Business Law Business 5032 - Management Accounting Information and Decisions Business 5034 - Marketing Management Business 5038 - Managing Human Resources Business 5039 - Managerial Finance Business 5071 - Strategic Management Business 5091 - Strategy Project Business 5110 - International Business Business 5116 - Research Methodology Business 5318 - Organizational Behaviour Business 5338 - Organizational Design and Analysis</p>	<p>Requirements</p> <p>Course Route</p> <p>The Master of Business Administration program consists of sixteen required <i>fifteen required</i> half-courses for a total of eight (8) <i>of 7.5</i> FCEs. The courses are:</p> <p>Business 5010 - Professional Orientation Business 5013 - Management Information Systems Business 5015 - Business Ethics Business 5016 - Operations Management Business 5017 - Managerial Economics Business 5031 - Business Law Business 5032 - Management Accounting Information and Decisions Business 5034 - Marketing Management Business 5038 - Managing Human Resources Business 5039 - Managerial Finance Business 5071 - Strategic Management Business 5091 - Strategy Project Business 5110 - International Business Business 5116 - Research Methodology Business 5318 - Organizational Behaviour Business 5338 - Organizational Design and Analysis</p>

<u>Budgetary Considerations</u>	
CURRENT VERSION	PROPOSED VERSION
Student Enrolment	Student Enrolment <i>None</i>
Student Enrolment Other Units	Student Enrolment Other Units <i>None</i>
Additional Resources	Additional Resources <i>None</i>
Teaching Loads	Teaching Loads <i>The proposed change will not affect teaching loads since Business 5116 or Business 5056 is shared by MBA and MSc(Mgmt) students</i>
TeachingSupport Services	TeachingSupport Services <i>None</i>
Outside Support	Outside Support

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