

DOCUMENT N: COURSE AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COVER SHEET
See Course and Program Development Policy and Procedures for Instructions

SCHOOL: LAW <input type="checkbox"/> MSB <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YGCLA <input type="checkbox"/>	Contact Name: Darlene Smith	Phone: 410-837-4996
DEPARTMENT / DIVISION: Merrick School of Business		
SHORT DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL (state name of action item 1-20 and course name, code & number / program affected): Revised GMAT Waiver Policy for Graduate Business Programs		
PROPOSED SEMESTER OF IMPLEMENTATION: Fall <input type="checkbox"/> Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Year: Summer 2008		

Box 1: TYPE OF ACTION	ADD(NEW) <input type="checkbox"/>	DEACTIVATE <input type="checkbox"/>	MODIFY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>
Box 2: LEVEL OF ACTION	Non-Credit <input type="checkbox"/>	Undergraduate <input type="checkbox"/>	Graduate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>

Box 3: ACTION ITEM (check appropriate boxes)		DOCUMENTS REQUIRED (see box 4 below)	IMPACT REVIEWS (see box 5 on back)	APPROVAL SEQUENCE (see box 6 on back)
	1. Experimental Course ¹	NOP	a, c, e	AC
	2. Course Title	NO		ABCD
	3. Course Credits	NO		ABCD
	4. Course Number	NO		ABCD
	5. Course Level	NO		ABCD
	6. Pre & Co-Requisite	NO		ABCD
	7. Course Description	NOP		ABCDEF
	8. New Course	NOP		ABCDEF
	9. Deactivate a Course	NO		ABCDEF
X	10. Program Requirements	NO	b, c, d, e	ABCDEF
	11a. UG Specialization (24 credits or less)	NO	a, b, c, d, e	ABCDEF
	11b. Masters Specialization (12 credits or less)	NO	a, b, c, d, e	ABCDEF
	11c. Doctoral Specialization (18 credits or less)	NO	a, b, e	ABCDEF
	12. Closed Site Program	NOT	e	ABCDHIK
	13. Program Suspension ⁹	NO,5	a, e	ABCDEGIK
	14a. Certificate Program (ug/g) exclusively within existing degree program	NO	a, c, e	ABCDEFHIK
	14b. Certificate Program (ug/g) where degree programs do not exist or where courses are selected across degree programs (12 or more credits)	NOQR, 6	a, c, e	ABCDEFHJL
	15. Off-Campus Delivery of Existing Program	NO, 4	a, b, c, e	ABCDHIL
	16a. UG Concentration (exceeds 24 credit hours)	NO, 5	a, c, d, e	ABCDEFHJL
	16b. Masters Concentration (exceeds 12 credit hours)	NO, 5	a, c, d, e	ABCDEFHJL
	16c. Doctoral Concentration (exceeds 18 credit hours)	NO, 5	a, c, d, e	ABCDEFHJL
	17. Program Title Change	NO, 5	a, c, d, e	ABCDEFHJL
	18. Program Termination	NO, 10	d, e	ABCDEFHIK
	19. New Degree Program	NOQR, 3,8	a, c, d, e	ABCDEFHJL
	20. Other	Varies	Varies	Varies

Box 4: DOCUMENTATION (check boxes of documents included)			
	N. This Cover Sheet	Q. Full 5-page MHEC Proposal	T. Other
X	O. Summary Proposal	R. Financial Tables (MHEC)	
	P. Course Definition Document	S. Contract	

- Approval of experimental course automatically lapses after two offerings unless permanently approved as a new course.
- Codes: a) Library Services (Langsdale or Law) b) Office of Technology Services c) University Relations d) Admissions
- Letter of Intent is required by USM at least 30 days before a full proposal can be submitted. Letter of Intent requires only the approval of the dean and the provost and is forwarded to USM by the Office of the Provost.
- One-page letter to include: Program title & degree/certificate to be awarded; resources requirements; need and demand; similar programs; method of instruction; and oversight and student services (MHEC requirement)
- One-page letter with description and rationale (MHEC requirement)
- One or two-page document that describes: centrality to mission; market demand; curriculum design; adequacy of faculty resources; and assurance program will be supported with existing resources. (MHEC requirement)
- Learning objectives, assessment strategies; fit with UB strategic plan
- Joint Degree Program or Primary Degree Programs require submission of MOU w/ program proposal. (MHEC requirement)
- Temporary suspension of program to examine future direction; time not to exceed two years. No new students admitted during suspension, but currently enrolled students must be given opportunity to satisfy degree requirements.

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10. Provide:
- a. evidence that the action is consistent with UB mission and can be implemented within the existing program resources of the institution.
 - b. proposed date after which no new students will be admitted into the program;
 - c. accommodation of currently enrolled students in the realization of their degree objectives;
 - d. treatment of all tenured and non-tenured faculty and other staff in the affected program;
 - e. reallocation of funds from the budget of the affected program; and
 - f. existence at other state public institutions of programs to which to redirect students who might have enrolled in the program proposed for abolition.
11. University Council review (for a recommendation to the President or back to the Provost) shall be limited to curricular or academic policy issues that may potentially affect the University's mission and strategic planning, or have a significant impact on the generation or allocation of its financial resources.

Box 5: IMPACT REVIEW	SIGNATURES (see procedures for authorized signers)	DATE
a. Library <input type="checkbox"/> No impact <input type="checkbox"/> Impact statement attached	Director or designee:	
b. OTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No impact <input type="checkbox"/> Impact statement attached	CIO or designee: <i>Judith A Wood</i>	12.18.07
c. University Relations <input type="checkbox"/> No impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Impact statement attached	Director or designee: <i>Edmund R</i>	12.18.07
d. Admissions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No impact <input type="checkbox"/> Impact statement attached	Director or designee: <i>Wendy Polyzard</i>	12/18/07
e. Records <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No impact <input type="checkbox"/> Impact statement attached	Registrar or designee: <i>J. Brown</i>	12/19/07

Box 6: APPROVAL SEQUENCE	APPROVAL SIGNATURES	DATE
A. Department / Division	Chair: <i>Debra Blach</i>	12/16/07
B. Final faculty review body within each School	Chair: <i>Carol</i>	12/17/07
C. College Dean	Dean: <i>Susan Zaen</i>	12/12/07
D. Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs	Provost: <i>Judith Marshall</i>	11/9/08
E. Curriculum Review Committee (UFS subcommittee)	Chair: <i>Ditz</i>	12/8/08
F. University Faculty Senate (UFS option)	Chair:	
G. University Council (see #11 above)	Chair:	
H. President	President:	
I. Board of Regents – notification only		
J. Board of Regents – approval		
K. MHEC – notification only		
L. MHEC – approval		
M. Middle States Association notification	Required only if the mission of the University is changed by the action	

DOCUMENT O: SUMMARY PROPOSAL

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O-1: Briefly describe what is being requested:

The Merrick School of Business proposes a change to the current GMAT waiver policy. The newly proposed policy was approved by the Merrick School Faculty Senate on Friday, December 7th.

New GMAT Waiver Policy for the MBA and MS Graduate Business Programs:

In order to qualify for GMAT waiver consideration a student must have an advanced degree, or the combination of an undergraduate grade point average of 3.25 or higher and five years or more of significant managerial experience. A personal interview with a graduate business program advisor and a note from the applicant's direct supervisor summarizing managerial experience may be required.

For new courses or changes in existing courses (needed by Registrar)

OLD Title:	Course # / HEGIS Code:	Credits:
NEW Title:	Course # / HEGIS Code:	Credits:

O-2: Set forth the rationale for the proposal:

Modification to the GMAT waiver policy is needed in order to stay competitive with other graduate business programs in the Baltimore area.

1. Our current GMAT policy is more restrictive than local, competitive MBA / graduate business programs.
 - a. Loyola's undergraduate GPA requirement for the GMAT waiver is 3.25 while Johns Hopkins' is 3.0.
 - b. Loyola requires 5 years of **professional** experience while Johns Hopkins requires 5 years of **progressive professional** experience.
2. The revised policy will lower the GPA threshold from 3.5 to 3.25 but continue to adhere to the **managerial experience** requirement to preserve quality.

Impact Statement From the Office of University Relations

These changes could potentially affect the undergraduate and graduate catalogs—which the Office of University Relations currently manages and produces—as well as other recruitment publications that contain this type of specific academic material. The timing of the final approval for these changes will be a determining factor in our ability to incorporate the new information in a timely fashion in any related materials that are on our production schedule.
