



**PROCESS A** NON-GENERAL EDUCATION ~ CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

SCC #03-04- 103  
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**Deadlines**

October 3, 2003 to be implemented Fall 2004 ~ February 13, 2004 to be implemented Spring 2005

PROPOSAL TITLE: Change Prerequisite for 0504.600 Investment/Portfolio Analysis

Sponsor(s): Dr. Gulser Meric E-Mail: meric@rowan.edu Ext: 4038

DEPARTMENT: Accounting & Finance

COLLEGE: College of Business

If Liberal Arts & Sciences CHECK :  History/Humanities  Math/Sciences  Social/Behavioral Sciences

UNDERGRADUATE  GRADUATE

THE ATTACHED **NON-GEN-ED** PROPOSAL IS BEST DESCRIBED BY THE ITEM(S) CHECKED

- New non-gen-ed course
- Minor curricular changes (fewer than three) to:
  - Existing non-gen-ed course
  - Non-gen-ed degree requirements
  - Major
  - Minor, specialization, concentration, track, certificate program
- Short-term non-gen-ed course

THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURES REPRESENT APPROVAL

Department Chair: [Signature] Date: 10-1-03  
 Department Curriculum Chair: Stephanie M. Windman Date: 10-1-03  
 Academic Dean: Edward J. Wilson Date: 10-1-03

COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

OPEN HEARING Date: 11/1/03 Approved  Not Approved

COLLEGE CURRICULUM CHAIR: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Senate Curriculum Chair Signature: [Signature] Date: Senate Announcement 9/6/2001  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT/PROVOST Signature: [Signature] Date: 9/29/01

Approved  Not Approved

REGISTRAR

Date: 10/5/01 Course Description Received & Approved ~ Hegis Taxonomy & Course #: \_\_\_\_\_

Registrar Signature: [Signature]

NOTIFICATION FORWARD

SCC Chair  Academic Dean  Department Chair  Registrar  IR  CAP  
 VP Student Affairs  Others

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**MINOR CURRICULAR CHANGE  
CHANGE IN PREREQUISITES  
0504.600 Investment/Portfolio Analysis**

**DETAILS**

A. Change Requested:

**Change prerequisites for 0504.600 Investment/Portfolio Analysis**

- From: 0504.500 Managerial Finance
- To: 0501.518 Integrative Managerial Skills  
0507.500 Managerial Decision Making Tools

B. Sponsor: Dr. Gulser Meric, Professor of Finance

**RATIONALE**

A. 0504.600 Investment/Portfolio Analysis is an elective course for finance majors in the MBA Program. 0504.500 Managerial Finance is the required finance course in the Program, which covers corporate finance topics. Therefore, it is not necessary to require 0504.500 Managerial Finance as a prerequisite for 0504.600 Investment/Portfolio Analysis. The requisite skills are those pertaining to students' understanding of statistics and probability theory, and other quantitative methods topics. These topics will be covered in the new Managerial Decision Making Tools course, beginning Fall 2004. Accordingly, the Managerial Decision Making Tools course will be a more meaningful prerequisite for the Investment/Portfolio Analysis course.

*See also  
e-mail  
attached  
CLF*

B. There is no programmatic change associated with this proposal.

**CONSULTATIONS**

Dr. Richard Parker, MBA Program Director, has been consulted regarding the proposed change. A letter of support from Dr. Parker is attached to this proposal.



*College of Business  
MBA Office*

May 10, 2003

To: Dr. Gulser Meric, Accounting/Finance Department, COB

From: Dr. Richard Parker, MBA Program Director

Re: Consultation on: Curriculum Change:

**Prerequisite Change for 0504.600 Investment/Portfolio Analysis**

From: 0504.500 Managerial Finance

To: 0501.518 Integrative Managerial Skills

I strongly endorse the minor curriculum change of changing the prerequisite for this course. There was clearly a need for this change in the MBA program. The faculty in the department and the faculty member assigned to teach the course this fall all agreed that the Managerial Finance course was not needed as a prerequisite. All MBA students have taken at least a Principles of Finance course as part of their foundation requirements. These topics are also reinforced in the Integrative Managerial Skills course for students who have not taken Finance for a while. Therefore, the Integrative Managerial Skills course provides a more reasonable prerequisite requirement. Eliminating the previous prerequisite will also permit students to take this elective earlier in their MBA program, and/or use it as part of the new Finance specialization.

## Faison, Christy

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**From:** Gulser Meric [meric@rowan.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 29, 2004 12:52 PM  
**To:** Faison, Christy  
**Cc:** Margaret Van Brunt  
**Subject:** Minor Curriculum Change (0304-103)

Dear Dr. Faison:

Margaret Van Brunt, Assistant to the Dean of the College of Business, has forwarded your voice mail to me regarding the Minor Curriculum Change Proposal #0304-103. Since I am the sponsor of the Proposal, I phoned your office yesterday to talk with you to answer your question regarding the Proposal. Your secretary Ms. Rosemarie Wiest suggested that I should send an email.

The Minor Curriculum Change Proposal #0304-103 is for the change of prerequisite for the "0504.600 Investment/Portfolio Analysis" course:

From: 0504.500 Managerial Finance

To: 0501.518 Integrative Managerial Skills  
and  
0507.500 Managerial Decision Making Tools

My understanding from your voice mail is that the Minor Curriculum Change Proposal explains why the new prerequisite requirement of "0507.500 Managerial Decision Making Tools" is necessary but it does not explain why "0501.518 Integrative Managerial Skills" should also be a prerequisite. I am writing this e-mail to answer this question.

"0501.518 Integrative Managerial Skills" is the first course in the MBA program that all students must take before taking any other course. Therefore, students taking the "0504.600 Investment/Portfolio Analysis" course will also have to take the "0501.518 Integrative Managerial Skills" course as a prerequisite. Since the "0501.518 Integrative Managerial Skills" course is a prerequisite to all MBA courses, I did not include an additional rational in the Proposal as to why the "0501.518 Integrative Managerial Skills" course should be a prerequisite for the "0504.600 Investment/Portfolio Analysis" course. If you feel that this explanation is satisfactory to you, we would appreciate it if you would sign the Minor Curriculum Change Proposal. However, if you wish that I should add a brief statement to the Rational section of the Proposal explaining that the "0501.518 Integrative Managerial Skills" course is a required course for all MBA courses including the "0504.600 Investment/Portfolio Analysis" course, I would be happy to do it.

Best regards,

Gulser Meric, Ph.D.  
Professor of Finance