California State University Channel Islands

NEW COURSE PROPOSAL

Courses must be submitted by November 3, 2008, for priority catalog review.

DATE (Change if modified and redate file with current date)  JANUARY 26, 2009

PROGRAM AREA(S)  BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

1. Course Information. [Follow accepted catalog format.]

Prefix(es) (Add additional prefixes if cross-listed) and Course No.  BUS/ECON 305

Title: Introduction to Microfinance Units: 1

Prerequisites

Corequisites

Consent of Instructor Required for Enrollment

Catalog Description (Do not use any symbols): Explores the theory and practice of microfinance as a tool for poverty alleviation and economic development. Key elements of microfinance operations and challenges will be discussed.

Grading Scheme:  Repeatability:  Course Level Information:

A-F Grades  Repeatable for a maximum of  Undergraduate

Credit/No Credit  Total Completions Allowed  Post-Baccalaureate/Credential

Optional (Student Choice)  Multiple Enrollment in Same Semester  Graduate

Mode of Instruction/Components (Hours per Unit are defaulted).

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Leave the following hours per week areas blank. The hours per week will be filled out for you.

1 hours seminar per week
hours blank per week

2. Course Attributes:

General Education Categories: All courses with GE category notations (including deletions) must be submitted to the GE website: http://summit.csuci.edu/geapproval. Upon completion, the GE Committee will forward your documents to the Curriculum Committee for further processing.

A (English Language, Communication, Critical Thinking)

A-1 Oral Communication
A-2 English Writing
A-3 Critical Thinking

B (Mathematics, Sciences & Technology)

B-1 Physical Sciences
B-2 Life Sciences – Biology
B-3 Mathematics – Mathematics and Applications
B-4 Computers and Information Technology

C (Fine Arts, Literature, Languages & Cultures)

C-1 Art
C-2 Literature Courses
C-3a Language
3. Justification and Requirements for the Course. (Make a brief statement to justify the need for the course)
   A. Justification: Microfinance operations have grown to provide financial services to poor and low-income people on a sustainable basis all over the world. The course brings together advice and best practices from successful practitioners and institutions and will provide students with an introduction to microfinance as an important development effort in the war against poverty. It will also serve as an excellent forum to learn about current challenges and debates in the world of microfinance

   B. Degree Requirement: Requirement for the Major/Minor
      x Elective for the Major/Minor
      x Free Elective

4. Learning Objectives. (List in numerical order)
   Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:
   • Describe the basics of microfinance operations and practices
   • Analyze the advantages and disadvantages of different types of microfinance activities and creation of social and economic value
   • Identify success factors of high performing microfinance institutions
   • Identify the managerial challenges of microfinance institutions

5. Course Content in Outline Form. [Be as brief as possible, but use as much space as necessary]
   1. What is Microfinance
   2. Microfinance process and operations
   3. Microfinance Institutions
   4. Strategic Issues in microfinance
   5. Microfinance impact and performance
   5. Microfinance: Challenges and Opportunities

   Does this course content overlap with a course offered in your academic program? Yes No X
   If YES, what course(s) and provide a justification of the overlap.

   Does this course content overlap a course offered in another academic area? Yes No X
   If YES, what course(s) and provide a justification of the overlap.

   Overlapping courses require Chairs’ signatures.

6. Cross-listed Courses (Please note each prefix in item No. 1)
   A. List Cross-listed Courses (Signature of Academic Chair(s) of the other academic area(s) is required).
      List each cross-listed prefix for the course: 

   B. Program responsible for staffing: Martin V. Smith School of Business & Economics

7. References. [Provide 3 - 5 references]

8. Tenure Track Faculty Qualified to Teach This Course.
Dr. Paul Rivera
Dr. Ashish Vaidya

9. Requested Effective Date:
First semester offered: Fall 2009

10. New Resources Requested. Yes X No
If YES, list the resources needed.
A. Computer Needs (data processing, audio visual, broadcasting, other equipment, etc.)
B. Library Needs (streaming media, video hosting, databases, exhibit space, etc.)
C. Facility/Space/Transportation Needs
D. Lab Fee Requested (please refer to Dean’s Office for additional processing) Yes X No
E. Other

11. Will this new course alter any degree, credential, certificate, or minor in your program? Yes X No
If, YES attach a program update or program modification form for all programs affected.
Priority deadline for New Minors and Programs: October 6, 2008 of preceding year.
Priority deadline for Course Proposals and Modifications: November 3, 2008, of preceding year.
Last day to submit forms to be considered during the current academic year: April 15th.

Ashish Vaidya 1.28.09
Proposer of Course (Type in name. Signatures will be collected after Curriculum approval) Date
**Approval Sheet**

**Program/Course:**

If your course has a General Education Component or involves Center affiliation, the Center will also sign off during the approval process.

Multiple Chair fields are available for cross-listed courses.

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