## CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY CHANNEL ISLANDS

## Program Modification

Program Area Business \& Economics
Please use the following format to modify any existing program. Any deletions from an existing program need to be underlined (left hand column), and any additions/changes to the program need to be in CAPS (right hand column).
EXISTING PROGRAM
Name of Degree Program
Bachelor of Science in Business
Catalog Description of the Program
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interdisciplinary focus. It was built on the three
C's: critical thinking, cooperation (working with
others), and communication (oral and written
English). Students learn the fundamental principles
of accounting, economics, finance, information
systems, management, and marketing as applied in
a variety of organizational settings. A
distinguishing aspect of the Business program is
the requirement to take courses developed in
conjunction with disciplines outside the traditional
business curriculum. Examples include courses
with Biology, Chemistry, Economics, Education,
English, Fine Arts, and History.
In addition, a Capstone Course provides students with the opportunity to integrate their knowledge through a Global Strategy Simulation exercise. To foster an integrative and cross disciplinary experience in a relevant business area, students are required to select one of two emphases: Entrepreneurship or Global Business. Both emphases draw on upper-division courses from accounting, economics, management and marketing to offer and in-depth perspective into two critical areas of business. We anticipate enhancing the curriculum with additional emphasis choices as the program grows.

## PROPOSED PROGRAM

## Name of Degree Program

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## SUMMARY OF CHANGES

- Dropped CIS 110 as a lower division requirement, and replaced it with COMP 101.
- Dropped Engl 103 as an explicit lower division requirement for the major.
- Dropped Engl 105 as an explicit lower division requirement for the major.
- Corrected a typographical error in the requirements for the Entrepreneurship emphasis: Bus 341 was listed as Bus 342.


## JUSTIFICATION

CIS 110 is a Business-specific course, but, for the purposes of our program, the learning outcomes of an introductory computer course more closely match the broad computer literacy approach followed in COMP 101. This modification will also streamline transfers from local community colleges without compromising the integrity and rigor of our degree.

Engl 103 and Engl 105 were originally listed as explicit options to fulfill a lower division requirement for the Business major to emphasize the program's commitment to "the three C's," one of which is Communication in written and oral English. However, those are also required general education courses, and their explicit listing within the major has caused confusion. Their deletion here does not affect the curriculum of the Business program and does not alter the total number of units students are required to take.

Paul Rivera
Proposer of Program Modification

September 9, 2005
Date

## Approvals

Program Chair Date
Curriculum Committee Chair Date

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