

APPLICATION FOR NEW COURSE

1. Submitted by College of Gatton College of Business & Econom Date Oct. 4, 2002
Department/Division offering course School of Management, DSIS Area

2. Proposed designation and Bulletin description of this course

a. Prefix and Number DIS 310 b. Title* Business Computing Systems
*NOTE: If the title is longer than 24 characters (including spaces), write
A sensible title (not exceeding 24 characters) for use on transcripts _____

c. Lecture/Discussion hours per week 3 d. Laboratory hours per week _____

e. Studio hours per week _____ f. Credits _____

g. Course description

The course provides an understanding of how systems can be utilized
to improve computer-based organizational productivity & effectiveness

h. Prerequisites (if any)

CS 101; Open only to Business Minors. Not available for credit for
Business & Economics majors.

i. May be repeated to a maximum of N/A (if applicable)

4. To be cross-listed as

Prefix and Number

Signature, Chairman, cross-listing department

5. Effective Date Fall 2003 (semester and year)

6. Course to be offered Fall Spring Summer

7. Will the course be offered each year? Yes No
(Explain if not annually)

8. Why is this course needed?

See attached page

9. a. By whom will the course be taught? DSIS Area, School of Management

b. Are facilities for teaching the course now available? Yes No
If not, what plans have been made for providing them?

Yes

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10. What enrollment may be reasonably anticipated? 145 per year

11. Will this course serve students in the Department primarily? Yes No

Will it be of service to a significant number of students outside the Department?
If so, explain. Yes No

Business Minors

Will the course serve as a University Studies Program course? Yes No

If yes, under what Area? _____

12. Check the category most applicable to this course

- traditional; offered in corresponding departments elsewhere;
- relatively new, now being widely established
- not yet to be found in many (or any) other universities

13. Is this course applicable to the requirements for at least one degree or certificate at the University of Kentucky? Yes No

14. Is this course part of a proposed new program:
If yes, which? Yes No

15. Will adding this course change the degree requirements in one or more programs? *
If yes, explain the change(s) below Yes No

Business Minors can take this course (DIS 310) or DIS 300 to satisfy
their requirements in DSIS. 320 will no longer be available to bus.minor

16. Attach a list of the major teaching objectives of the proposed course and outline and/or reference list to be used.

17. If the course is a 100-200 level course, please submit evidence (e.g., correspondence) that the Community College System has been consulted.

18. Within the Department, who should be contacted for further information about the proposed course?

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*NOTE: Approval of this course will constitute approval of the program change unless other program modifications are proposed.

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Signatures of Approval:

Donald J. Greenberg

Department Chair

Michael H. Dean

Dean of the College

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*Undergraduate Council

*University Studies

*Graduate Council

*Academic Council for the Medical Center

*Senate Council (Chair)

10/14/02

Date

12-23-02

Date

12-13-02

Date of Notice to the Faculty

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Date of Notice to University Senate

*If applicable, as provided by the Rules of the University Senate

ACTION OTHER THAN APPROVAL

Proposed Course Outline and Objectives

Business Computing Systems (BCS) are an integral part of how organizations conduct their operations, deliver their products, and compete in the global marketplace. It is very difficult for even a small business to operate without significant investments in technology and computing systems. Consequently, it is not only the technical specialist who needs to be informed about the design, development and use of BCS. Every professional needs to have a fair degree of "Business Computing Literacy" by becoming aware of fundamental concepts relating to the use of these systems in organizations. This course will be designed to provide this knowledge. It is therefore oriented towards the general student and not the business specialist.

The objective of this course is to help students who are not business majors understand clearly how BCS can be utilized to promote organizational productivity and effectiveness. The course provides some fundamental knowledge about various aspects of technology, such as hardware, software, and the Internet. It will explain how organizations develop and deploy a variety of computing systems such as management information systems, decision support systems, executive support systems, and group support systems. Using several real-world case studies, the course illustrates how organizations can utilize these BCS to achieve their business strategies and compete against their industry rivals. The course provides knowledge on how the Internet can be utilized to support e-commerce and business-to-business transactions. After completion of the course, students will have accomplished the following:

- 1. Understand some fundamental principles on how to deploy BCS to achieve organizational goals, be it a small business or a large corporation. For example, students will learn how database technology can be utilized to keep track of customer transactions, understand the pattern of customer purchases, and reward frequent customers. Similarly, they will learn how BCS can be utilized to control operational costs of an organization to enable them to stay competitive.**
- 2. Will understand that organizations may use a variety of BCS, namely, management information systems, decision support systems and executive information systems to improve managerial decision-making and organizational productivity.**
- 3. Gain a basic knowledge of the components of a computer namely, what comprises the hardware and software. They will understand the role of operating system software, application software and programming languages.**
- 4. Gain a basic knowledge of networks and how computer signals are transmitted from one computer to another. They will learn some fundamental concepts of the speed and bandwidth of computer networks and understand how these networks can connect various organizational units and make it more efficient.**

5. Understand that the Internet is a vast interconnection of networks and functions with the help of universally accepted protocols. Students will learn that the Internet facilitates e-commerce activities and reaches a large number of customers. They will learn a few principles on how to design an effective organizational web-site.
6. Be aware of the potential limitations and impact of business computing systems. Students will be exposed to security and ethical issues that must be considered when using BCS, particularly in the context of databases and networks.
7. Develop an understanding on how BCS are developed in organizations and what are some of the people, technical and organizational issues that must be managed and controlled in this process.

Proposed Textbook

Management Information Systems, By Effy OZ, published by Course Technology, Cambridge Massachusetts. ISBN 0-7600-4946-7.

Proposed Course Outline

Introduction to Business Computing Systems.

Business Strategies.

Strategic Uses of Business Computing Systems.

Planning and Deploying a Strategic Computing System.

Computer Technology in Business – Hardware and Software.

Computer Technology in Business – Telecommunications and Networks.

The Internet and E-Commerce.

Database and Data Management.

Types of Business Computing Systems in Business – Management Information Systems,

Decision Support Systems and Executive Information Systems.

Inter-organizational and International BCS

Planning, Developing and Implementing a Business Computing System.

Alternative Avenues for Acquiring Computing Systems.

Control and Security Issues in Computing Systems.

Management of Computing Systems – Human, Ethical and Legal Issues.

8. This course is specifically designed for students who are Business Minors having a variety of backgrounds. Instead of focusing on design & development (technical) issues, it focuses on management issues relating to business computing systems.

Approval of the course DIS310 will require a change in the college bulletin as follows:

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DIS320 Management Information Systems has to now read
DIS310 Business Computing Systems