Gordon Ford College of Business
Accounting Department
Proposal to Revise a Program
(Action Item)

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1.   **Identification of Program:**
        1.1   Current program reference number: 602P (seeking admission)
                                             602   (officially admitted)
        1.2   Current program title: Major in Accounting
        1.3   Credit hours: 73

2.   **Identification of the proposed program changes:**
- Change in program to eliminate 60-hour rule included in the enrollment policy for upper division classes.
- Change in program to add wording to the program description to clarify admission and program requirements.

3.   **Detailed program description:**

Current Program	Proposed Program
Enrollment Policy for Upper-Division Courses – To enroll in upper-division business courses, students must have a minimum of 60 earned hours and a 2.0 overall grade point average. Enrollment in upper-division business courses is limited to a maximum of 12 credit hours for students not admitted to one of the baccalaureate programs in the Gordon Ford College of Business.	Enrollment Policy for Upper-Division Courses – **To enroll in upper-division accounting courses, students must have a 2.0 overall grade point average.** To enroll in upper-division business courses **other than accounting**, students must have a minimum of 60 earned hours and a 2.0 overall grade point average. Enrollment in **all** upper-division business courses is limited to a maximum of 12 credit hours for students not admitted to one of the baccalaureate programs in the Gordon Ford College of Business.
Accounting majors should refer to the Gordon Ford College of Business introductory section for the requirements for being formally admitted to the Gordon Ford College of Business, a condition which students must satisfy before being admitted to the Accounting Program.	~~Accounting majors should refer to the Gordon Ford College of Business introductory section for the requirements for being formally admitted to the Gordon Ford College of Business, a condition which students must satisfy before being admitted to the Accounting Program.~~
To gain admission to the Gordon Ford College, students must have: 1. earned a minimum of 60 hours;	

2. completed ACCT 200 and 201, CIS 141, ECON 202, 203, and 206, MATH 116 or higher, and COMM 145 with a minimum grade point average of 2.5 in the courses listed above; and 3. a minimum overall GPA of 2.5. Students with lower than a 2.5 grade point average will be allowed to take only those upper-division courses in the Gordon Ford College of Business they are repeating above the 12 hours allowed prior to admission. Accounting majors must earn a grade of "C" or better in ACCT 300, 301, 302, 310, and 312 and other courses that are prerequisites for succeeding courses.	To gain admission to the ~~Gordon Ford College~~ **Accounting Program**, students must have: 1. earned a minimum of 60 hours; 2. completed ACCT 200 and 201, CIS 141, ECON 202, 203, and 206, MATH 116 or higher, and COMM 145 with a minimum grade point average of 2.5 in the courses listed above; and 3. a minimum overall GPA of 2.5. Students with lower than a 2.5 grade point average **that includes 12 hours of upper-division business courses** will be allowed to take only those upper-division courses in the Gordon Ford College of Business they are repeating ~~above the 12 hours allowed prior to admission~~. **Repeating a course will not be considered to violate the enrollment policy restricting upper division courses to 12 hours prior to admission.** Accounting majors must earn a grade of "C" or better in ACCT 300, 301, 302, 310, and 312 and other courses ~~that are~~ **when used as** prerequisites for succeeding courses.

4. **Rationale for the proposed program change:**

- <u>Change in program to eliminate 60-hour rule for admittance to upper division classes:</u> When the department began accepting AP course credit to satisfy the ACCT 200 requirement, the college removed the 27-hour prerequisite for enrolling in ACCT 200. Consequently, some students are able to take ACCT 200 and 201 as freshmen if the additional prerequisites are met. The 60-hour rule prevents students from taking the next course(s) in the sequence for up to a full year. The opportunity to take the intermediate-level courses as soon as possible after completing the principles courses (ACCT 200 and 201) is much more beneficial to the learning process than incurring a large gap in the presentation of the material.

- Change in program to add wording to the program description to clarify admission and program requirements for the Accounting major: The current program description requires students to refer to the admission requirements for the Gordon Ford College of Business. Due to a recent policy change in the GFCB, departments now set their own admission requirements for the individual major programs. Other than the removal of the 60-hour rule for enrollment into upper-division accounting courses, the Accounting Program requirements remain consistent with the enrollment policies and prior admission requirements of the college. The proposed wording removes the reference to GFCB admission standards and includes the information in the departmental program requirements.

  The additional explanation regarding students with less than a 2.5 grade point average clarifies a student's ability to repeat upper-division courses in an attempt to raise their GPA without violating the 12-hour rule.

  The phrase "when used as" clarifies that a student only needs a grade of C or better in a required course if he or she is taking a subsequent course where that particular required course is a prerequisite.

5. **Proposed term for implementation and special provisions (if applicable):**
   Fall 2016
6. **Dates of prior committee approvals:**

   Department of Accounting   _____August 19, 2015_____

   GFCB College Curriculum Committee   _____September 15, 2015_____

   Undergraduate Curriculum Committee   _____

   University Senate   _____