

Letter to MSA Students: Changes in the Master of Science in Accounting Program
July 24, 2008

Dear NJCU Graduate Student:

Changes in the Master of Science in Accounting (MSA) degree were approved by the Board of Trustees in their meeting of June 23, 2008. The revised degree requirements call for a net reduction in the required credits by three. Consequently, students who are not required to take the foundation accounting courses will now complete 30 credits. All others must complete 42 credits.

These changes will become effective September 1, 2008, and will specifically include the following:

- The Thesis (755) and related Research Methods (703) courses are no longer required (minus 6 credits)
- Business Law for Managers (681) will be a required course (plus 3 credits).

Current graduate students will be affected as follows:

1. Graduate students who begin the program after August 31, 2008 must complete the degree under the new requirements (30-42 credits)
2. Current active graduate students who have completed the thesis course, or who are currently enrolled in a thesis course and have not received a passing grade to date, must complete the old program requirements (33-45 credits) and are not affected by this change.
3. Current active graduate students who have completed Research Methods but who have not registered for the Thesis (755) as of August 31, 2008, will have the option* of completing either the old or the new program requirements. If the new program is selected, the following will apply:
 - a. Both Thesis (755) and Business Law for Managers (681) are not required.
 - b. Research Methods (703) is substituted for the Law course.
 - c. The Law course may be taken and applied as an elective.
4. Current active graduate students who have not completed either Research Methods (703) or Thesis (755) as of August 31, 2008 will have the option* of completing either the old or the new degree requirements. If the new program is selected, Business Law for Managers (681) will be required.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS

You are required to acknowledge the above changes and options by providing the information requested on the enclosed form and returning it by U.S. mail, using the return postage-paid envelope addressed to the Dean's office. (Please make a copy for your own records.). Please address any questions to me at rmatthews@njcu.edu

Your mailing must be postmarked not later than September 15, 2008.

*NOTE: Current active graduate students who are eligible to select an option, but who do not communicate it by the deadline, will forfeit their option and will be required to complete the new degree program.

Sincerely,

Prof. Robert J. Matthews
Graduate Accounting Coordinator
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M.S. in ACCOUNTING PROGRAM CHANGE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Please print your name

Signature

Student ID

Date

Current email address: _____

I have read and understand the above forthcoming changes in the M.S. in Accounting program and I have checked the applicable category below with regard to my intent to pursue the new or old program requirements.

_____ **I am a new graduate student as described in #1 of the cover letter** who will begin the program after August 31, 2008, and I acknowledge that I must complete the degree under the new program requirements (30-42 credits)

_____ **My student status is described in #2 of the cover letter,** and I acknowledge that I must complete the old program requirements (33-45 credits)

My student status is described in #3 of the cover letter, and I elect to follow:

_____ the new program requirements (30-42 credits)

_____ the old program requirements (33-45 credits)

My student status is described in #4 of the cover letter, and I elect to follow:

_____ the new program requirements (30-42 credits)

_____ the old program requirements (33-45 credits)

Please use the return postage-paid envelope addressed to the Dean's office. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

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