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## Cover page

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| A.1. [Course or program](#Proposal) | **Concentration in Accounting in m.p.ac** | | | |  |
| [Replacing](#Ifapplicable) | **concentration in accounting and information systems** | | | |  |
| A.2. [Proposal type](#type) | **Program:** [**revision**](#revision) | | | |  |
| A.3. [Originator](#Originator) | **Sean Cote** | | [Home department](#home_dept) | **Accounting and CIS** | |
| A.4. [Rationale](#Rationale)/Context | **This proposal presents a revision to and renaming of the now dormant Accounting Information Systems (AIS) concentration in the M.P.Ac program.  This revision is designed to appeal to a much larger and broader market as detailed below.  The current AIS concentration targets only individuals interested in the very limited information technology subsector of accounting.  This limited appeal is reflected in the fact that no students have been enrolled in the concentration for a number of years.  The revised concentration will have a curriculum which focuses on all areas of accounting practice, providing greater career opportunities for program graduates.  A survey of the current RIC senior accounting majors revealed that a majority of students are interested in this revised concentration and continuing on at RIC to receive their graduate degree.  According to the United States Department of Labor, career opportunities in Accounting will increase by 10% over the next 10 years.  This concentration change to the M.P.Ac  will enable graduates to take advantage of these expanded career opportunities and be prepared to sit for and successfully pass the Certified Public Accounting exam, the components of which form the basis for the curriculum.**  **The only change in admissions requirements is a waiver of the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) if the applicant is a CPA or has passed a state bar examination. All other admission requirements remain the same.**  **ACCT 548 and ACCT 549 will continue to be offered as part of the M.P.Ac program. They will become part of the core requirements for the concentration in accounting.**  **ACCT 553 and ACCT 552 will no longer be offered and deleted from the catalog. There has been no demand for the Accounting Information Systems concentration. That is why ACCT 553 and ACCT552 will be deleted. This will have no impact on any other programs.**  **ACCT 510 will continue to be offered as part of the core courses that are required for the accounting concentration. The course topics are used in daily professional life of accountants.**  **The proposed revision will include 4 new courses which will greatly increase the knowledge base of prospective students and help them advance within the many different areas of the accounting industry. The new courses are: ACCT 556, ACCT 561, ACCT 572 and ACCT 665.** | | | | |
| A.5. [Student impact](#student_impact) | **More prospective students will receive a Master’s degree at RIC and be better prepared to take the CPA exam along with meeting the 150 college credit hour requirement to become a CPA. Graduating students will be prepared to be leaders within the Accounting industry.** | | | | |
| A.6. Impact on other programs and courses | **We will no longer be offering ACCT 553 and ACCT 552. No demand. This will not impact any programs.** | | | | |
| A.7. [Resource impact](#Resource) | *[Faculty PT & FT](#faculty" \o "Need to hire new full-time or part-time faculty? This is where you indicate if this proposal will be affecting FLH in your department/program.)*: | **New adjuncts hired on a per course basis** | | | |
|  | [*Library*:](#library) | **None: Existing resources will meet the needs of the revised concentration.** | | | |
|  | [*Technology*](#technology) | **None: Existing resources will meet the needs of the revised concentration.** | | | |
|  | [*Facilities*](#facilities): | **None: Existing resources will meet the needs of the revised concentration.** | | | |
|  | *Promotion/ marketing needs* | **New literature on the M.P.Ac program will have to be created in order to market the program.** | | | |
| A.8. [Semester effective](#Semester_effective) | **Fall 2019** |
| A.10. INSTRUCTIONS FOR CATALOG COPY: The proposal must include all relevant pages from the college catalog, and must show how the catalog will be revised. (1) Go to the “Forms and Information” page on the Graduate Committee website. Scroll down until you see the Word files for the current catalog. (2) Download ALL catalog sections relevant for this proposal, including course descriptions and/or other affected programs. (3) Place ALL relevant catalog copy into a single file. Put page breaks between sections and delete any catalog pages not relevant for this proposal. (4) Using the track changes function, revise the catalog pages to demonstrate what the information should look like in next year’s catalog. (5) Check the revised catalog pages against the proposal form, especially making sure that program totals are correct if adding/deleting course credits. | | | | | |

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### C. [Program Proposals](file:///C:/Users/scote_0291/Downloads/1718_015%20PORT%20520%20new%20course.docx#program_proposals)

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| C: Concentration Title | **M.P.Ac concentration in Accounting and Information Systems** | **M.P.Ac concentration in Accounting** |
| C.1. [Enrollments](file:///C:/Users/scote_0291/Downloads/1718_015%20PORT%20520%20new%20course.docx#enrollments) | **0** | **30 Estimate** |
| C.2. [Admission requirements](file:///C:/Users/scote_0291/Downloads/1718_015%20PORT%20520%20new%20course.docx#admissions) | **Completed graduate application** | **1. Completed application form accompanied by a $50 non-refundable application fee.**  **2. A bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university.**  **3. Two courses in principles of accounting or equivalent.**  **4. Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate records.**  **5. An applicant’s letter describing the applicant’s professional goals including how the program will help the applicant achieve these professional goals.**  **6. Three academic or professional letters of recommendation addressing the student’s potential to succeed in a graduate program**  **7. Completion of the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT), unless the applicant is a CPA or has passed a state bar examination. Applicants will also be exempt from the GMAT if they have earned a B.S. degree in accounting from Rhode Island College or the University of Rhode Island, with a 3.00 grade point average in their major.** |
| C.4. [Course requirements](file:///C:/Users/scote_0291/Downloads/1718_015%20PORT%20520%20new%20course.docx#course_reqs) for each program option | **ACCT 510, required**  **ACCT 552, required**  **ACCT 533, required**  **CIS 421, required**  **CIS 453, required**  **CIS 535, required**  **Electives:**  **6 credit hours of graduate accounting course work**  **6 credit hours of graduate course work**  **3 credit hours of graduate computer information systems work** | **ACCT 548, required**  **ACCT 549, required**  **ACCT 561, required**  **ACCT 556, required**  **ACCT 510, required**  **ACCT 572, required**  **ACCT 665, required**  **Electives:**  **9 credit hours of graduate accounting course work** |
| C.5. [Credit count](file:///C:/Users/scote_0291/Downloads/1718_015%20PORT%20520%20new%20course.docx#credit_count) for each program option | **30** | **30** |
| C.6. Requirement for thesis, project, or comprehensive exam | **No** | **Students will complete a research project related to current topics published by the Financial Accounting Standards Board. The students will complete their project in ACCT 665.** |
| C.7. Other changes if any | **None** | **None** |

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## D. Signatures

* Changes that directly impact more than one department/program MUST have the signatures of all relevant department chairs, program directors, and relevant dean (e.g. when creating/revising a program using courses from other departments/programs).
* Proposals that do not have appropriate approval signatures will not be considered.
* Type in name of person signing and their position/affiliation.
* Send electronic files of this proposal and accompanying catalog copy to [graduatecommittee@ric.edu](mailto:graduatecommittee@ric.edu) and a printed or electronic signature copy of this form to the current Chair of Graduate Committee. Check Graduate Committee website for due dates.

##### D.1. Approvals: required from programs/departments/deans who originate the proposal. may include multiple departments, e.g., for joint/interdisciplinary prposals.

| Name | Position/affiliation | [Signature](#_Signature" \o "Insert electronic signature, if available, in this column) | Date |
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| Sean Cote | Program Director of M.P.Ac |  |  |
| Dr. Lisa Bain | Chair of Accounting and CIS |  |  |
| Dr. Jeffery Mello | Dean of School of Business |  |  |

##### D.2. [Acknowledgements](#acknowledge): REQUIRED from OTHER PROGRAMS/DEPARTMENTS IMPACTED BY THE PROPOSAL. SIGNATURE DOES NOT INDICATE APPROVAL, ONLY AWARENESS THAT THE PROPOSAL IS BEING SUBMITTED. CONCERNS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE MEETING FOR DISCUSSION

| Name | Position/affiliation | [Signature](#Signature_2) | Date |
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