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Financial Services

Associate in Applied Science Degree (A.A.S.)

Course Requirements

MAJOR COURSES

ACC110 Fundamentals of Accounting for Managers Qtr. hrs. credit
4

Covers basic financial accounting elements, definitions, and statements. Students learn how to read and understand financial statements and how to use them in making financial business decisions.

ACC113 Managerial Accounting 4

An introduction to the use of accounting information for management planning, control in budget preparation, and the evaluation of cost behavior. Students learn how to prepare and interpret cash flow statements and make managerial decisions based on financial statement analyses.

Prerequisite: ACC110 or ACC112

FIN200 Introduction to Financial Services 4

An introduction to the world of financial services, including banking, insurance, and securities/brokerage. Topics include financial planning, treasury management, risk management, financial analysis, and securities investments.

Prerequisite: ACC110

FIN204 Financial Markets and Institutions 4

This course is designed to introduce students to the workings of financial markets and institutions. It will explore the role these markets and institutions play in the economy and their relationship to public policy issues.

Prerequisite: FIN200

FIN250 Computer Applications in Financial Services 2

An introduction to computer-based problem simulation in the world of financial services. Students learn how to use financial modeling and spreadsheets to solve real-world financial planning problems.

Prerequisites: FIN204, CIS115

BUSINESS COURSES

BUS100 Business Organization and Management 4

Explores the nature and scope of business, examines its component parts, and describes how businesses are organized and managed. Students will learn about the various internal and external forces that comprise our business and economic system.

BUS226 Career Management Seminar 2

Explores career development opportunities and strategies. Stresses entry-level job requirements and upward career paths. Covers resume writing skills, interviewing techniques, and the importance of professionalism. Continues the student's orientation to Berkeley College's computer framework, which includes content collection and compiling a professional ePortfolio.

BUS231 Business Law I 4

Provides students with detailed knowledge of the laws relating to contracts, commerce, property, sales, negotiable instruments, and employment. Students develop an awareness of business situations requiring legal counsel and a familiarization with the overall structure of the legal system.

BUS293 Internship 4

Allows students to work in a position related to their course of study. Students integrate the skills and knowledge learned through their academic experiences and participate in focused online discussions and special online projects.

Prerequisites: BUS226 and departmental approval

CIS115 Computer Applications 4

An introduction to computer technology with an emphasis on applications. Students learn how to use software packages, such as Microsoft Windows, Word, PowerPoint, and Excel. Includes an orientation to Berkeley College's computer framework, which includes Blackboard, content collection, and portfolio development.

CIS204 Database Management Systems 2

Hands-on experience with well-known database management software applications, such as Microsoft Access. Topics include an introduction to database programming, multiple database files, query files, reports, and the planning, development, and implementation of database systems.

Prerequisite: CIS115

MKT220 Principles of Marketing 4

Provides an introduction to the fundamental principles and practices in the marketing process. Provides a detailed study of each marketing mix tool (product, price, place, promotion) along with an introduction to marketing research and consumer behavior.

LIBERAL ARTS COURSES

ENG105 Expository Writing 4

An introduction to expository writing through a comprehensive survey of forms of composition. Students are taught to use words with precision, and strengthen their understanding and application of grammatical and rhetorical principles. Students are encouraged to appreciate and incorporate the principles of academic and professional writing.

ENG106 Writing Through Literature 4

Strengthens the writing, reading, and interpretive abilities introduced in ENG105. Encourages students to develop an appreciation and understanding of various works of literature, and utilize literature to enhance critical thinking and writing.

ENG115 Public Speaking 4

Designed to help students improve oral communication skills. Emphasis is placed on identifying good and poor speech habits, techniques for improving speech, oral interpretation, effective speech planning and delivery, and interpersonal communication.

Prerequisite: ENG106

ENG265 Business Communication 4

Explores the communication strategies and techniques needed for success in the workplace. Students write, revise, and edit business documents; learn techniques for organizing information; and practice the effective use of oral communication skills in business and professional settings.

Prerequisite: ENG106

GEC123 Introduction to Applied Psychology 4

A required course for first-quarter students that examines basic psychological concepts which can be helpful in adjusting to the college experience. Some of the subtopics covered include stress management, academic challenges, communication skills, time management, healthy relationships, positive thinking, conflict management, and balancing home/college/work.

MAT212 Mathematics with Business Applications 4

Introduces students to the personal use of mathematics and the applications for various business disciplines including accounting, fashion marketing and management, financial services, and marketing. Explores the business applications of linear functions, quadratic functions, and systems of linear equations. Emphasis will be placed on the use of Excel to solve real-world business problems.

Prerequisite: CSK099 or placement

SOC201 Macroeconomics 4

An introduction to the study of macroeconomics. Provides a brief history of economics, from Adam Smith to the present. Students will learn the theories of contemporary macroeconomics, as well as their application and impact in today's world.

SOC231 Human Relations in the Workforce 4

Students will develop the interpersonal skills known to be key ingredients for successful everyday interactions with coworkers, supervisors, and customers/clients at any work environment. Some major skill areas covered in the course include making a good impression with your employer, managing conflict with difficult coworkers, working on a team with diverse groups of people, providing exceptional service for customers/clients, and managing on-the-job stressors.

General Education Core Humanities Elective 4

FREE ELECTIVES 12

In the final quarter most on-site courses are offered only during the late afternoon and early evening so as not to interfere with internships.

Berkeley College's A.A.S., Financial Services degree program does not qualify students to sit for the CFP Examination. Generally, candidates for such certification or registration need to complete a combination of specified educational programs registered with the CFP Board of Standards, Inc. and/or experience requirements, demonstrate good moral character (which may include an absence of criminal convictions), and pass a licensing examination. Applicants for whom such requirements may be matters of concern are strongly advised to contact an Admissions counselor prior to enrolling in a financial services program.

SAMPLE PROGRAM SEQUENCE

- 1 **A.A.S., Financial Services New Jersey Program Statistics**
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