Southeast Missouri State University

Department of Accounting

Title of Course: Independent Study in Accounting

I. Catalog Description and Credit Hours of Course:

Intensive study of special problems related to accounting. On demand. (1-3 hours credit)

II. Prerequisite(s):
A. A minimum of 75 hours completed;
B. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 overall or 2.75 in the department;
C. A minimum of 10 semester hours in the department completed;
D. Permission of the department chairperson.

III. Purposes or Objective of the Course:
A. HCOB Assurance of Learning Goals (AOL)
   1. Proficiency in oral/written communication
   2. Knowledge of the fundamentals of accounting, finance, business law, MIS, marketing, management, and economics
   3. Application of critical thinking skills to business problems and ethical dilemmas
   4. Awareness and understanding of other cultures in a global and diverse environment
   5. Effective use of technology

B. University Study Objectives (US)
   1. Demonstrate the ability to locate and gather information
   2. Demonstrate capabilities for critical thinking, reasoning, and analyzing
   3. Demonstrate effective communication skills
   4. Demonstrate an understanding of human experiences and the ability to relate them to the present
   5. Demonstrate an understanding of various cultures and their interrelationships
   6. Demonstrate the ability to integrate the breadth and diversity of knowledge and experience
   7. Demonstrate the ability to make informed, intelligent value decisions
   8. Demonstrate the ability to make informed, sensitive aesthetic responses
   9. Demonstrate the ability to function responsibly in one’s natural, social, and political environment

C. Upon completion of the course, students will have developed:
   1. An ability to work independently to achieve a focused objective (AOL 2,3 and US 1,2,7).
   2. Enhanced their ability to research an accounting topic (AOL 2,3 and US 1,7).
   3. An understanding of directed learning (AOL 1,2 and US 1,2,3,7).

IV. Course Content or Outline:
A specific content or outline is required at the time of approval. Learning experience is expected to be consistent with the University, College of Business Administration, & the Department of Accounting expectations.
V. Textbook(s) and/or Other Required Materials or Equipment:
   None

VI. Basis for Student Evaluation:
   A. Evaluation of the fulfillment of the student's academic responsibilities as defined by the
      accounting faculty member responsible for the independent study in consultation with the
      department chairperson. The weight of these evaluations may vary according to each instructor
      and will be communicated at the beginning of the course.
   B. Grading Scale (BSBA)
      90 – 100  =  A
      80 – 89   =  B
      70 – 79   =  C
      60 – 69   =  D
      59 and lower  =  F

VII. University policy:
   A. Academic Honesty and Student Code of Conduct: Students are expected to abide by the
      University Policy for Academic Honesty. The official statement about academic honesty,
      including plagiarism, is found in the Undergraduate Bulletin or may be accessed at:
      http://www.semo.edu/bulletin/. Students are expected to understand and abide by rules of the
      Code of Student Conduct available at http://www6.semo.edu/stuconduct/code.html. Additional
      conduct information may be accessed at: http://www6.semo.edu/judaffairs.
   B. Student with Disabilities Statement: Information about provisions to be made for students with
      disabilities can be obtained from Learning Assistance Programs & Disability Support Services,
      located at: http://www.semo.edu/lapdss/
   C. Attendance Statement: Students are expected to attend all classes and to complete all assignments
      for this course.
   D. Other Issues: Students are expected to adhere to all university, college, department, and class
      policies. Professor’s course syllabus should be referenced for class issues.