



Academic Standards Report to Senate, 1-26-21

Proposals Passed:

1. Change to School of Business admissions requirements
2. Change to BSN Nursing admissions Requirements

SOB Admissions Policy Proposal

**1. Nature of request:**

- a. Since these policies were updated over 10 years ago, Degree Works was implemented. During that implementation, several assumptions were made which were not intended in the policy. The largest of these was the Major GPA requirement of 2.5 or greater. The only GPA requirement envisioned in policy was an overall CCSU GPA of 2.5 or greater. That change was made in the last section of the policy being submitted (attached).
- b. Other changes were made to clear up the language, but we believe it does not alter the intent. It should be noted that the registrar's office has been involved early to review the policy to make sure it can be implemented. Things like changing ENG classes to WRT were implemented.

**2. If submitted by department, date of vote:**

- a. On 11/24/2022 the School of Business Faculty Assembly voted to create a committee to work over the winter-break to finalize this policy and authorized them to submit this policy to academic standards. The committee members are Mark Cistulli, Adina Elfant (Assistant Dean), Michael Gendron, Chat Labeledz, and Sarah Stookey

**3. Rationale for recommended change:**

- a. Clarify language so it aligns with the degree evaluation and correct the need for a Major GPA requirement.

**4. Exact wording that will go into Undergraduate Catalog (if applicable):**

- a. Attached

**5. Date new policy will go into effect:**

- a. ASAP

**6. Effects on programs and faculty load (if any):**

- a. None

**7. Signature of Department or Administrative Unit:**

- a. Michael S Gendron  
Faculty Assembly Moderator

## Appendix B: New SOB Admissions Policy

### **Admissions Information**

The School of Business requires objective evidence that a student possesses the quantitative and verbal aptitude and the fundamental economics and accounting skills to move on to upper division business coursework and successfully complete their business degree. Students are also expected to have a working knowledge of basic computer applications, including word processing and spreadsheets.

### **Pre-Major Status**

Students may apply for admission to the School of Business as part of their initial application for admission to the University, or thereafter. Students will have pre-major status until they are formally admitted to business major status. All students entering the School of Business will start as pre-majors.

While the student maintains pre-major status, they will be advised in the Student Services Center. Generally, students who have successfully completed the requirements for the business major status will have their status automatically changed from pre-major to major status and will be assigned a faculty advisor in their major department(s). **For further information, call the School of Business Student Services Center at 860-832-3205.**

### **Business Major Status**

Students must be formally assigned business major status before they enroll in upper division (300-400 level) business courses. Students who expect to successfully complete the pre-major requirements by the close of the current semester will be permitted to conditionally register for upper division business courses in their major for the following semester. If such students subsequently do not successfully complete the pre-major requirements, their conditional permission will be revoked, and they will be removed from upper division business courses.

Before being admitted to business major status students must:

- Have completed at least 54 credit hours delivered at or accepted by the University (aka “attain junior status”).
- Earn a CCSU cumulative GPA of 2.50 or greater.
- For all pre-major courses, students must:
  - Attain a C- or better
  - Attain a pre-major course GPA of 2.50 or greater (including transferred grades).
  - The pre-major courses are:
    - AC 211 Introduction to Financial Accounting
    - AC 212 Introduction to Managerial Accounting
    - ECON 200 Principles of Macroeconomics
    - ECON 201 Principles of Microeconomics
    - WRT 105/105P Enhanced Intro to College Writing  
OR WRT 110 Introduction to College Writing
    - MATH 123 Applied Business Mathematics  
OR MATH 125 Applied Calculus
    - STAT 200 Business Statistics (STAT 104, STAT 215, or equivalent)
    - MC 207 Managerial Communication

## **Common Business Core**

All School of Business Graduates must complete a common business core. A grade of C- or better is required in all these courses:

- AC 211 Introduction to Financial Accounting
- AC 212 Introduction to Managerial Accounting
- FIN 295 Managerial Finance
- LAW 250 The Legal and Ethical Environment of Business
- MC 207 Managerial Communication I
- MGT 295 Fundamentals of Management and Organizational Behavior
- MIS 201 Introduction to Management Information Systems
- MKT 295 Fundamentals of Marketing
- BUS 480 Capstone Seminar
- MGT 480 Strategic Management

AC 211, AC 212 and MC 207 are required in and counted towards both the common business core and as a pre-major required course requirement.

## **Additional Requirement**

All majors in the School of Business require STAT 201 Business Statistics I, and in many cases, it is a prerequisite for major level courses.

## **Transfer Students**

Transfer students must meet the same course requirements, application procedures, and grade point averages (pre-major requirements and overall cumulative) as CCSU students. Transfer credit for required pre-major courses, common business core courses, and chosen major will only be granted by the School of Business if completed with grades of C- or better. Transfer grades for pre-major courses (or equivalencies as approved by the School of Business) taken at other colleges and universities will be included in the GPA calculation of pre-business major courses. Students will be asked to repeat those courses to attain a minimum GPA of 2.50 for the pre-business major courses.

## **Graduation GPA and Grade Requirements**

To graduate from the School of Business students must have an overall CCSU GPA of 2.50 or greater and attain a C- or better in all pre-major, major and common business core courses.

## BSN Nursing admissions Requirements

### School of Education and Professional Studies Department of Nursing Admissions Policies for BS in Nursing Program

The Nursing Department is proposing three changes to our admissions policies;

1. Establishment of a Direct Admissions policy for first time college admissions beginning with the Fall 2021 admissions cycle. Many other nursing programs in the state have instituted a direct admissions policy and in order to be competitive, we would like to do the same;
2. The elimination of a December 1 University admission deadline for transfer students and;
3. Allow for spring semester admissions to pre-Nursing.

#### **Background:**

Currently students are admitted to CCSU as pre-Nursing majors for fall semesters only. In spring semesters, when students have met or are enrolled in specific prerequisite courses, students apply to the Nursing Department for admission into the Nursing Program. Depending on space and resources, the number of students admitted to the Nursing Program is typically between 60 and 75 each year. Admission to the Nursing Program is competitive and sometimes qualified students are waitlisted and/or not accepted. Once in the Nursing Program, students progress through the next three years in cohorts and must maintain specific retention criteria.

1. **Direct Admissions Policy:** to be admitted directly into the Nursing Program, students must meet the following criteria:
  - a high school GPA of 3.2 or higher
  - high school grades of B or better in high school Chemistry class that included a laboratory component
  - high school grade of B or better in Algebra II
  - One of the following:
    - Eligibility to take CHEM 161 and CHEM 162 in the first semester at CCSU;
    - A score of 4 or 5 on the Chemistry Advanced Placement exam if applicable;
    - College credit for the equivalent of CHEM 161 and CHEM 162 with a grade of C+ or higher

To successfully progress to the sophomore year in the Nursing Program, students must meet the following additional requirements:

- Completion BMS 102 and BMS 103 with a grade of C+ or higher
- Completion of CHEM 161 and CHEM 162 with a grade of C+ or higher NOTE: Nursing majors with prior credit for CHEM 161/162 are exempt from this.
- Completion of PSY 136 with a grade of C or higher
- Completion of CHEM 210 with a C+ or higher
- A 3.00 or higher CCSU cumulative GPA