Eastern Illinois University
New Course Proposal
BUS 4644, HONORS THESIS

1. Catalog description in the style of the University Catalog, showing
   a) Course Number: BUS 4644
   b) Title: Honors Thesis
   c) Meeting times and credit: (Arr.-Arr.-1-3)
   d) Term(s) to be offered: On demand
   e) Short title: Honors Thesis
   f) Course description: Written thesis based on student’s research under the supervision of a School of Business faculty member. Prerequisites: Admission to the Business Honors Program; BUS 4444 or BUS 4555; and approval of written Honors Thesis Proposal by chair, department honors coordinator, and supervising faculty member.
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   h) Initial term of course offering: Fall 2006

2. Student Learning Objectives and Evaluation
   a) List the student learning objectives of the course:
      Upon completion of the course, the student will create a thesis that:
      • Presents a clear summary and analysis of the literature review;
      • Clearly identifies and explains the research topic, research approach and research methodology;
      • Appropriately analyzes data;
      • Reaches conclusions that are clearly explained and supported by the data; and
      • Is written in a report format and style appropriate for business research.
      Additional learning objectives may be established in the Honors Thesis Proposal.
   b) Indicate how students’ achievement of the stated objectives will be assessed and grades will be earned: The supervising faculty member will determine whether the student has achieved the stated objectives through evaluation of the student’s thesis.
   c) Not a technology-delivered course.
   d) Not applicable.
   e) Not applicable.

3. Outline of the Course
   a) Outline of the plan of study will be in the Honors Thesis Proposal.
   b) Not applicable.

4. Rationale
   a) Purpose and need: This course proposal is part of a package of course proposals to support the newly created Business Honors Program. This course will serve as the capstone of the business honor student’s research experience. As mandated by the Honors College, this course is required for all students in the Business Honors Program.
b) Justification of the level of the course and of course prerequisites: Course level is established by the Honors College. The first prerequisite is needed to limit enrollment to business honors students. The course will be a continuation of the research process that the student begins in either BUS 4444 or BUS 4555. Approval of the written Honors Thesis Proposal is needed to ensure that the thesis project is appropriate for business honors students.

c) Similarity to existing courses:
   (1) Other department honors programs across campus have similar honors thesis courses.
   (2) Not applicable.

d) Impact on Program(s):
   (1) Completion of this course is a requirement for all students in the Business Honors Program.
   (2) Not applicable.

5. Implementation
   a) Faculty member(s) to whom the course may be assigned: School of Business faculty members.
   b) No additional costs are anticipated.
   c) Any course materials will be identified in the Honors Thesis Proposal.

6. Community College Transfer

A community college course will not be accepted as a substitute.

7. Date approved by School of Business Curriculum Committee: January 18, 2006

8. Date approved by the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences Curriculum Committee: March 6, 2006

9. Date approved by the Honors Council: March 23, 2006

10. Date approved by CAA April 13, 2006