

## Fogelman College of Business and Economics

### Close the Loop Improvements

#### Master of Science in Accountancy Degree

Fall 2013

Goal	Recommendation	Action	Implementation
1	Modify MS course Acct 7610 to emphasize the information and outputs needed by various organizations using appropriate documentation.	Assign cases designed to focus on the information and outputs needed by businesses and professional organizations.	Cases have been assigned in ACCT 7610 to give additional emphasis on information and outputs needed by businesses and professional organizations.
2	We recommend a continued emphasis on team projects throughout the MS program and team projects in the undergraduate accounting program as a majority of MS students are graduates of the MS undergraduate program. To address the need for students to deliver organized, persuasive, oral presentations, we recommend that faculty not only require oral presentations, but that we stress the characteristics of presentations that constitute quality and persuasiveness.	Add requirements for team projects in upper level accounting courses.	Faculty added requirements for team projects in upper level accounting courses. Graduate faculty members have stressed characteristics that enhance the quality of oral presentations in master's level courses.

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3	<p>No recommendations</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
4	<p>The faculty recommends that our MS course Acct 7610 be modified to emphasize an essential understanding of business ethics and its ramifications. We feel also that the findings indicate a possible inconsistency in the way ethics is assessed and will meet as a group prior to the next assessment to formulate consistent scoring of the metrics.</p>	<p>Stress corporate governance and ethical issues in our 7610 capstone course.</p>	<p>Coverage of corporate governance and ethical has been increased in ACCT 7610 to assure that students have additional exposure to these important areas.</p>
5	<p>Continue to integrate uses of technology into classes with coordination of those activities among courses.</p>	<p>Instructors of master's courses agree to maintain or increase use of technology.</p>	<p>Instructors of ACCT 6211, 6241, 7120, 7310, 7320, 7412, 7510, 7610 added and updated technological aspects of these courses, coordinated by David Spiceland, Director of the Master of Accountancy Program. The iPad initiative was added to assist faculty access</p>

			course content on eCourseware. An iPad was issued to each faculty member.
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