

FACULTY SENATE - MAY 2, 2013 MEETING  
ACADEMIC POLICIES AND REQUIREMENT COMMITTEE (APRC)  
COB Catalogue Changes

The Academic Policies and Requirement Committee (APRC) was asked to consider a proposal for discontinuing the Direct Admit process to the College of Business (COB).

**Background Information**

In the current catalog, higher performing students (freshmen in the top 25% of their class and transfers who have earned a 2.5 GPA, 30 hours, and have completed a MAT, COM, and IS) may be directly admitted to their major in their first semester.

However, the evidence indicates that many direct admits have low SAT scores and are not completing their prerequisites, consequently delaying their graduation. For example, 43% of 205 freshmen who were admitted directly to their major in the COB had a cumulative SAT score below 1000 and more than two-thirds of the subset of direct admits had not begun their math requirements three semester after enrollment, despite that direct admits should be the first to complete prerequisites like MAT 1033, MS 1023, and IS 1403.

All students need to complete 6 courses (MAT 1033, COM 1053, IS 1403, MS 1023, ACC 2013, and ECO 2013 or 2023) to qualify for admission to their major in the COB if an indirect admission process for everyone is implemented.

**Recommendation**

The committee completed its review of the proposal and recommends that the proposal be approved.