

Summary of changes proposed by the School of Administrative Studies affecting the BCom and professional certificates (January 2019)

Rationale for changes proposed

The BCom and its current seven streams were designed and set up in the late 1990's. The business landscape has evolved in these last 20 years and we are constantly making changes to course content to continue delivering the same learning outcomes mapped in 2012. There are two changes that involve using new terminology that is accepted now in professional circles but was not relevant when the degree and streams were set up. Learning outcomes do not change, we just change the terms used for a stream and for a course.

What are the proposed changes?

A. Program: Bachelor of Commerce – Ordinary and Honours

Changes:

- Remove ADMS3330 as a core requirement (same for all streams)
- Add ADMS3351 as a core requirement (same for all streams)
- Change the title of ADMS2320 from Quantitative Methods 1 to Business Statistics and add a new topic that used to be in ADMS3330.
- Change the title of ADMS3330 from Quantitative Methods 2 to Introduction to Management Science and focus its content away from operations management (all operations management content of ADMS3330 is now in ADMS3351)..
- Change the quantitative pre-requisite from ADMS3330 to ADMS2320 for courses that require knowledge up to multiple regression (new topic added to ADMS2320): ADMS4375, ADMS4501, ADMS4540, ADMS4541, ADMS4570 and ADMS4910.

Rationale: operations management (ADMS3351) is a field of business to which all BCom students are exposed and currently there is no course in the transcript showing it in the title. Instead of increasing the core required courses by one, it was decided to remove the second part of only course that was divided into 2 parts, quantitative methods (ADMS3330) because a good portion of it was dedicated to the quantitative aspects of operations management. The core of the BCom remains at 45Cr and the learning outcomes mapped in 2012 remain unchanged.

The core and required courses for the BCom replace ADMS3330 with ADMS3351. This change is done because there is the need to show in the transcript of all BCom students their formal exposure to operations management. The revised ADMS3330 is maintained as a required course in the BCom stream of Supply Chain Management and Business Research that need a higher level of statistics and quantitative knowledge.

B. Program: Bachelor of Commerce Honours – Stream in Management Science

- Changes:
- a. Remove one course from the list of required courses in the stream: ADMS3331 (expired course).
 - b. Add four courses to the list of required courses in the stream: ADMS3330, ADMS3360, ADMS4333 and ADMS4360
 - c. Eliminate three courses from the list of electives: ADMS3360, ADMS4333 and ADMS4360 (now required courses in the stream)
 - d. Add four courses in the list of electives: ADMS4375, ADMS4260, ADMS4265 and ADMS/DEMS4704
 - e. Change the name of the stream to Supply Chain Management

Rationale:

Although there are more than 4,000 majors in the BCom (ordinary and honours), there are less than 30 students in two streams combined: Management Science and Business Research. When looking for causes of such low enrolments, we are constantly challenged to explain what is the meaning of each of those terms. It is difficult to explain Management Science, but when time is allowed and we can convey to prospective students and their parents that it is supply chain management there is a clear understanding of its content and employment/professional perspectives. That is why the School is submitting a change in the name of the stream.

The changes within the program structure reflect the path followed by students as advised by the program where the professional requirements set a very prescribed set of courses to be completed. The list of required courses within the stream has been increased from 3 to 6 (9 Cr and 18 Cr). The inclusion as required of courses that have been offered during years by the BCom give students a more structured approach to all essential elements of Supply Chain Management.

Renaming the stream is needed to better align its coverage to the terminology that has been consolidated in the last decade to this field of business. The name of "Management Science" was relevant in the 20th century, but nowadays it is meaningless in the professional environment and our students are disadvantaged when searching for jobs and inputting their academic credential as 'BCom stream in management science'.

Details of forms submitted for each set of changes

A – Bcom

A1 Change to existing program revised Bcom

A2 Change to existing course ADMS2320 – title change

A3 Change to existing course ADMS3330 – title change

A4 Change to existing course ADMS3331 - expired

A5 Change to existing course ADMS4375 – pre-req change

A6 Change to existing course ADMS4501 – pre-req change

A7 Change to existing course ADMS4540 – pre-req change

A8 Change to existing course ADMS4541 – pre-req change

A9 Change to existing course ADMS4570 – pre-req change

A10 Change to existing course ADMS4910 – pre-req change

A11 Change to Existing program revised Logistics certificate – remove two expired courses

B – Bcom Management Science stream

B1 Change to existing program Bcom Management Science Stream

A2 Change to existing course ADMS2320 – title change

Same approval signature applies to all forms listed above.



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