

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
Accounting Education Change Commission Grant
Curriculum Changes and Recruitment Program

Type, size and mission of accounting program:

The mission of the Department of Accounting at Kansas State University is to ensure a quality liberal, general business, and accounting education at the undergraduate and master's levels that prepares students to become both productive citizens and successful professional accountants.

The focus of the faculty of the Department of Accounting in achieving its mission is on maintaining a responsive accounting program that provides students with sufficient technical and conceptual knowledge for a successful career in accounting as well as with the problem-solving and communication skills necessary to apply their knowledge in a professional setting.

Students apply to enter the accounting degree track after the completion of 60 credit hours and are accepted into the Department of Accounting with a 3.0 cumulative GPA. Students receive a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree after completing 126 approved credit hours and a Masters of Accountancy degree with the successful completion of an additional 30 approved credit hours.

Approximately 170 students graduate in accounting at the undergraduate level each year, with an additional 45 graduates from the Masters program. The Department of Accounting student body is primarily full-time traditional students from Kansas and the surrounding states.

Characteristics of program before the grant:

KSU Department of Accounting graduates were exposed to the technical concepts and procedures they needed as successful accountants. The sequence of courses and topics were the same as in most traditional accounting programs. The sequence was driven by both pedagogical tradition and the nature of textbooks used. The approach frequently offered the student both a simple concept and a more complex concept (based on the simpler one) at virtually the same time. Given that the simple concept is the basis for understanding the more complex one, the approach forced students to memorize rather than think and understand. Lack of attention to sequencing also caused students problems by providing them with more information than they could absorb given that they lacked a meaningful cognitive structure within which to interpret new pieces of information. Faculty primarily used the lecture method. The group work method was not utilized and professional skills were not emphasized.

Central Objective of Grant:

KSU's AECC project had three broad objectives.

- I. **To provide accounting students with sufficient technical and professional knowledge to form the foundation for a successful accounting career.**

This objective focuses on developing accounting knowledge as a coherent whole. Students must completely understand that accounting is an information discipline. They must appreciate that this information discipline is based on the notions of capturing, controlling, and reporting information whether the intended report is a tax return or production report. We believe that our students were always exposed to the technical concepts and procedures they needed as successful accountants. Our objective is to enhance our students' ability to understand and retain those concepts and procedures.

In the area of professional knowledge, our objective is to present students with a more complete view of the professional requirements they will face. This includes a greater familiarity with the professional literature and how to use this literature as guidance in resolving professional dilemmas. This area encompasses issues such as ethics and the challenge of integrating

professional and personal lives. We also want to build a global perspective and encourage computer literacy as part of the curriculum.

II. To provide accounting students with the skills necessary to implement their knowledge in the professional accounting environment.

Implicit in this objective is development of these skills as part of the pedagogical approach in our accounting curriculum. These skills include the ability to:

*communicate effectively

It is our objective to develop communication skills both in written and oral communications. We view communication as a dialogue. Thus, listening and understanding messages received are as important as sending clear, concise messages.

*analyze and resolve problems

Our objective is to enhance our students' ability to deal with more complex, ambiguous fact situations. We employ a pedagogical approach where, in its later stages, students must identify problems, formulate and evaluate solutions, and choose and justify an alternative. This level of problem-solving is the end product of our curriculum and is developed throughout the educational process.

*deal effectively with other people

Our objective is to help our students to understand the need for and benefits of interpersonal skills in their professional careers. Providing some formal training in areas such as team-building and negotiation, then having them practice specific skills in the context of group projects assures that they know what interpersonal skills are and how those skills may be effectively employed.

*learn new ideas and techniques that are encountered after the students end their formal education

The ability to accept and learn new concepts and techniques means that the students will be better able to deal with our rapidly changing world. This objective goes beyond merely adapting to technological changes. We provide courses that will help the student to develop a perspective or "world view" that will accommodate new ideas and information.

III. To attract and retain students with the talents required for success in the accounting profession.

Our third objective is to attract and retain students who have characteristics that yield greater promise of success as professional accountants. Evidence has shown that the accounting profession has a negative stereotype among the very students that would be desirable candidates for the accounting profession. Given this evidence, revision of curriculum alone will not be sufficient to bring the best and brightest to the accounting profession. Developing a recruitment program to compliment the curriculum revision will improve the quality of student in our program and should improve the career awareness of the profession throughout the state and region.

Key means of accomplishing grant objective:

The original grant proposal was developed by an eight person committee made up of five members from the Accounting Department and three members outside the College. Based on input from the entire accounting faculty, this Committee developed the original model for the curriculum, suggested teaching methods that were appropriate to achieve our educational objectives, and developed a recruitment program. The Committee's proposal was implemented by assigning individual faculty with responsibility for coordinating faculty efforts in three areas; curriculum and pedagogy development, student recruitment, and assessment. The Department head served as the overall coordinator and worked very closely with area coordinators.

The K-State grant proposed a new model for accounting education and resulted in a complete revision of our curriculum. Implementation required the replacement of the traditional curriculum with the new curriculum. Since current students were in various stages of completion under the traditional program and because we hoped to collect comparative assessment data, we chose to phase-in the new program by offering both the new and the old curriculum concurrently during the transition. Students already in the traditional program or entering the program were given the choice of which curriculum they wanted to follow. This election was awarded only in the initial year of implementation. Thereafter, all entering students enrolled in the new curriculum. The curriculum was phased-in over a five year period beginning with the sophomore level introductory courses.

Major changes from pre-grant conditions:

STUDENT RECRUITMENT: K-State is an open enrollment university. Prior to the grant, the Accounting Department did no active recruiting. We relied on the University and Department reputation to attract our students. Because of budgetary limitations and growth in the University's student body we had a problem of too many students in accounting. Given these conditions, it might seem illogical to develop an aggressive program to recruit students. Our interest was not in attracting more students but rather to attract high quality students with the characteristics needed for success in the accounting program.

KSU has developed a comprehensive recruiting program to attract the best and brightest students to the accounting profession. Recruiting is an important aspect of our program changes. Its inclusion is based on evidence of a negative stereotype of accounting and accountants and on a belief that quality students are necessary for our curriculum revision to be effective. Our student recruitment program is designed to accomplish two goals. The first is to make quality high school and college students aware of the challenges and opportunities in the accounting profession. The second is to promote KSU's revised accounting program. To accomplish these goals a three-part program has been developed.

The first part is designed to develop a network of high school teachers and counselors in our geographic region who have an accurate perception of the career opportunities in accounting. This part of the program strives to identify the high school teachers and counselors who are particularly influential in the career decisions of their students. We ask accounting students at KSU to identify the key teachers and counselors at their high schools. Once identified, these teachers and counselors are invited to a campus presentation on career opportunities in accounting and the accounting program at KSU. The impetus for the first part of our recruiting program is the notion that many high school teachers and counselors are as unaware of the challenges and opportunities in accounting as their students. Correcting these misperceptions increases the likelihood of students getting more accurate information about accountancy from their career advisors.

The second part is designed to identify and recruit high quality students to the accounting program. High school and undecided college students are invited to campus to hear our presentation on career opportunities in accounting. As with the teachers and counselors, the goal is to improve awareness of accountancy and to promote KSU's accounting program. A recruitment video has also been developed with resources provided by outside constituents. The video and related brochure are sent to all high school students identified as having an interest in an accounting career.

The third part of our recruitment effort is the establishment of an Accounting Advocates group selected from our student body. Their primary responsibility is to participate in our student recruitment program. They help organize the recruitment presentations, make presentations to high schools in the area, help in the identification of high school and undecided college students for recruitment, and work with alumni and friends of KSU's accounting program on recruitment. The Accounting Advocates will keep this designation upon graduation, and thus, create a network of KSU alumni that can promote the accounting profession and the KSU accounting program.

CURRICULUM: Our AECC changes resulted in a comprehensive revision of our curriculum based on a logical sequence of courses and topics that emphasize providing students with simple concepts prior to exposing them to more complex topics. Our curriculum is designed to provide students with a broad understanding of accounting as an information system in the sophomore and junior years and to build on this foundation by providing them with more complex and specialized issues in their senior and fifth year.

INTRODUCTORY COURSES-Sophomore Year
Courses: Accounting for Business Operations (3 credit hours)
Accounting for Investing and Financing (3 credit hours)

The two introductory courses are developed from a user's perspective. Students learn that the function of any accounting system is to provide information useful for economic decision-making. The material is separated based on the type of decision to be made. The courses emphasize:

- accounting's role in providing information to a variety of users: businesses, investors, government, and other stakeholders,
- the basic features of the recording and reporting of accounting information,
- the basic principles underlying the development and function of an effective accounting information system,
- the fundamental accounting concepts and principles, and
- the learning of accounting by using accounting information to make and evaluate economic decisions.

Through this course, students begin to understand what accounting and the accounting profession are about. They gain an appreciation for the personal and academic characteristics needed to be an accountant and the wide variety of career opportunities available.

DEVELOPMENT OF AN ACCOUNTING FRAMEWORK - Junior Year
Courses: Accounting Processes and Controls (4 credit hours)
Accounting Theory and History (3 credit hours)

It is important for students to see the accounting environment as a system that must be capable of serving all users. Therefore, we introduce the accounting system as a framework that has evolved over time and in response to different and often changing needs. We achieve this through two courses that address the needs of all users.

Accounting Processes and Controls is a pivotal course in the curriculum. The premise of the course is that accounting students do not have extensive business experience and that they do not understand the micro-level workings of businesses. Therefore, the emphasis is on understanding how information systems capture, summarize, and report useful, relevant information. Students learn that the accounting system is more than ledgers and journals; it is a necessary means of making sense of the complex, dynamic business environment.

The course is organized so that students understand the flow of information through an enterprise, the sources and nature of documents, and the controls necessary to insure the accuracy and reliability of information. It accomplishes two major purposes. First, students see the nature of the transactions that occur across the entire scope of business activities. Students deal with the decisions that initiate transactions, the timing of events associated with transactions, and the documents involved. This includes understanding both transaction cycles within the system and accounting cycles. Second, this course allows the students to develop the fundamental concepts and ideas that underlie many of the reporting and decision-making activities that are the focus of later courses.

The Accounting Theory and History course focuses on valuation and measurement issues. In order for accounting data to be informational, it must be responsive to the user's needs. These needs have changed over time and differ with respect to the specific user and type of decision being made. The course examines alternative valuation and measurement methods and discusses the strengths and weaknesses of these methods with respect to different types of decisions and users. Through this course, students broaden their understanding of accounting as a source of information and the need for accounting to be sufficiently flexible to serve the information requirements of a variety of users.

CORE COURSES - Last semester Junior and Senior Year

Courses: Financial Reporting (3 credit hours)
Managerial Reporting (3 credit hours)
Taxation I (3 credit hours)
Reporting for Not-for-Profit Entities (3 credit hours)
Auditing (3 credit hours)

In the core, the student's attention and coursework are turned to the specific accounting needs of four user groups: external users (Financial Reporting), internal users (Managerial Reporting), government (Taxation), and users of not-for-profit entity information. The core also includes a traditional audit course.

The first three groups are the primary users to which almost all profit oriented entities must provide accounting information. Each group has unique informational needs and places specific requirements on the company. The accounting system for most businesses must be designed to provide financial statements and other accounting information required of these user groups. Therefore, students must become knowledgeable with respect to the requirements of each group.

The fourth user group has unique information requirements, not as much the result of the specific user but rather the result of the unusual nature of the business entity. Not-for-profit entities are growing in number and importance. This group includes entities such as churches, school districts, and governmental organizations. Because these organizations have unique stewardship roles and are often constrained by legal restrictions the accounting systems and information provided by these systems are unique. A separate course addresses the specific accounting requirements of each of these four user groups.

To this point, the student has learned that accounting is a process of gathering economic/financial data and presenting it in a manner useful for decision making. However, the accounting profession has also accepted the responsibility for providing an independent verification of the financial statements presented to external users through the audit function. The auditing course content is the same as in most traditional accounting curriculums.

RESEARCH - Last Semester Senior
Course: Accounting Research (3 credit hours)

The final course taken at the undergraduate level is the Accounting Research course. This course focuses on self-learning skills and the ability to solve complex, ambiguous problems. In order to resolve these problems, students learn the sources of guidance for taxation problems (e.g., Tax Code, court cases, etc.) and other reporting issues (e.g., FASB Standards, Interpretations, etc.) and how to use them. The fact situations are in the form of cases. The students not only learn how to conduct professionally-oriented research, but they receive formal training on how to analyze and present cases. In addition, they receive formal training in how to write professional communications, such as memoranda.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION - Fifth Year
Specialization Tracks: Tax
Financial Reporting and Auditing
Managerial/Controllership

In the fifth year all students take a three credit hour Advanced Financial Reporting class and four additional courses in their chosen area of specialization. These tracks allow students to focus on specific career objectives. These courses are the culmination of the student's formal education. The pedagogical approach is predominately case analysis employing the skills learned in the Research course. Students are evaluated on written analysis and participation in class discussion. The remaining fifteen hours of coursework must be taken outside the Department of Accounting, with either (1) nine hours in other Business Administration departments and six hours outside the College, or (2) six hours in other Business Administration departments and nine outside the College.

Methods of achieving faculty and administrative support of the changes undertaken:

Prior to submission of the grant proposal we obtained letters of administrative support from the President of the University, the Provost, and the Dean of the College. All three administrators are proponents of educational innovation and recognize the need for change.

The faculty are also supportive of change. However, they want to be active participants in the change process. Faculty support for changes was directly related to their opportunity to be a part of the change process. For this reason, it was essential for the curriculum coordinator to get all faculty involved in some aspect of the revision. Each faculty member was asked to be involved in the development of all courses in their area of specialization. Also, all faculty were asked to participate in the overall evaluation of all new courses through development and implementation. Although individual involvement varied, faculty were provided an opportunity to be active participants in the process. Thus, all faculty could take ownership in the new curriculum.

Although it was essential for our change that all faculty accept the new model, it did not require them to give up their freedom to add their own touches to the courses. We all agreed on the content and educational objectives of each course; however, each faculty was given freedom in the teaching of the course. They were allowed to choose teaching methods that they found to be the most successful in achieving the course objectives.

Change activities that worked well and which others might copy:

The K-State project resulted in a complete revision of our program. Such a sweeping change may be too aggressive for many schools. However, there are many aspects of our change that work well and which could easily be adopted by any program.

Our introductory courses serve the entire campus. The majority of students in the course are non-accounting majors. These courses were redesigned to focus on how accounting information is used in making business decisions. Redevelopment of the course to a user's perspective helps the students understand the role of accounting information and better addresses the needs of both accounting and non-accounting majors.

The Theory and History course has worked well in developing our students' professional skills. The conceptual nature of the course is difficult for many students; however, the non-technical, non-rule oriented material provides a unique environment to challenge the students' communication and critical thinking skills. Students are put into a situation in which they must evaluate both sides of numerous theoretical issues, recognize the needs of various user groups, and organize their thoughts into clear and concise presentations. Few traditional accounting courses provide this same type of opportunity. The course also reemphasizes the role of accounting information in decision-making, how accounting responds to the changing and different needs of various user groups, and the importance of professional skills.

All programs need to create an educational environment that prepares their graduates to function in a professional environment. This requires the student to be knowledgeable about the sources of professional authority, how to efficiently and effectively use these sources, and how to use and communicate this knowledge. The Accounting Research course has worked extremely well in developing these skills in our graduates. This course focuses on self-learning skills and uses the case method exclusively. Our students are asked to solve complex, ambiguous problems using available authoritative sources. Through the course, students learn how to conduct professionally-oriented research and how to analyze and present cases. Also, they receive formal training in how to write professional communications. Upon completion of the course the students are very familiar with the sources available in a professional library and how to use them. Although this course is very demanding for both faculty and students, we would highly recommend that such a course be included in every accounting program.

There is general agreement that accounting programs must provide their graduates with the professional skills necessary to be effective in their profession. We have chosen to accomplish this through a combination of curriculum and pedagogical changes. Many schools may find major curriculum change to be difficult or slow to take place. Nevertheless, changes in how courses are taught can result in immediate improvement in the professional skills of accounting graduates and can be implemented by any program, with or without curriculum revision. The traditional lecture method and objective tests are often effective approaches when the educational objective is to provide students with basic knowledge and comprehension of simple concepts. However, when the educational objective is for students to develop higher order

cognitive skills necessary to solve complex problems and to select among competing alternatives the lecture method is ineffective. We have found the use of cooperative learning techniques and the case method to be necessary in developing students' professional skills. Also, we had to change how we assess student performance. Assessment needs to include the evaluation of class preparation and participation, tests with free-response questions, and the evaluation of written and oral presentations. These changes can be made at the individual faculty level and can be effectively implemented in any curriculum. These methods do require an increased time commitment and greater subjective evaluation by the faculty; however, they can be effectively used to develop and evaluate the skill-based competencies you wish to develop in your students.

K-State has developed a proactive recruitment program that educates high school and undecided college students about the nature of accountant's work and accounting career opportunities. Our recruitment efforts have been on attracting students that possess the innate characteristics and skills that yield greater promise of success as professional accountants. This effort has been supported entirely by external funding and has been effective in attracting high quality students to our program. It has also improved our reputation as a leader in accounting education in the state and region.

Change activities undertaken that did not work.

Our changes were phased in over several years. During the early period of the change the major emphasis was on our introductory courses, and two faculty had responsibility for their development. The development of these courses included the development of textbooks and other materials that emphasized the user perspective of accounting information. Although the courses were developed and implemented as planned, we learned two things from the process. First, through the development process the two faculty involved invested so much time and interest in the courses that they took a strong ownership interest in them. During this same period, the other faculty did not feel involved in the change process and lost some of the initial enthusiasm for what we were doing. In order to keep everyone involved, we established a review process for new course development that allowed all faculty to play a role in evaluating course developments based on our established course objectives. This process has helped to create a faculty, rather than individual ownership in our course and curriculum changes.

Second, through this process we recognized the tremendous time and faculty resource commitment needed for course material development, especially textbooks. Based on these early experiences we reduced the amount of new material developed in our other courses. Instead of using textbooks as the foundation for our new courses, we use them as a resource. Students are provided with a course outline that serves as the framework of the course, and they use several sources of information throughout the class period. These sources include professional authorities, textbooks, and developed materials. This reduces the amount of new materials that need to be developed and increases course flexibility since the textbook no longer drives the course. Although there is some early resistance by students used to textbook-driven courses, they quickly adapt to this approach.

Unexpected benefits from change activities:

Although we have a very dedicated faculty, the change created an unexpected enthusiasm and renewed commitment toward teaching responsibilities and our overall educational program. This attitude is contagious and has carried over to the entire College, which is now going through a similar change.

Another unexpected benefit has been the national interest and support of our change activities by business, the profession, and other accounting programs.

Special insights from carrying out your AECC Grant:

Accounting programs are under a lot of pressure to change. We are being told that our graduates are not prepared to work in a rapidly changing profession. We are told that we are not attracting the best and brightest students. We are being told that we are not devoting enough time or attention to teaching and too much time researching esoteric topics.

The typical criticism of accounting education is founded in truth but almost always exaggerated. This has two effects. One, they are easily dismissed as overstatements by those not wanting change. Two, they are

often interpreted as indicating the need for a major overhaul by those supporting change. It seems to us that exaggerating the problem is very divisive. It tends to separate faculty rather than bring them together with a common goal.

The academic environment is one based on tradition. It holds tightly to the time honored independence of faculty with respect to their classes and their scholarship. Our evaluation and reward system is based on individual efforts, and the most respected attribute of our faculty is an independence of thought. Under this environment our academic programs were and continue to be recognized as the finest in the world, and we can all point to a long list of successful business leaders that were a product of this system. With this in mind, no one should be surprised to find resistance to change.

It is our experience that the key to successful educational change is faculty ownership. You can not force change on faculty; they must buy into it. Faculty have differing views about change. Some believe the current system is working fine for them, while others desire to change the entire system. The key to success will be the ability of the faculty to respect differing points of view.

Change is not an all or nothing proposition. It can take place at any level. It does not require the commitment and agreement on the part of the entire faculty. It does not require a complete curriculum revision to be meaningful. Individuals wishing to try new approaches should be encouraged to do so. They must, however, respect the views of faculty who are cautious or resistant toward new developments.

Change often takes place in small steps. It is high risk and requires a long range commitment on the part of the faculty involved. Change is time consuming and requires considerable faculty development. It is essential that the faculty evaluation system is structured to both encourage and reward faculty committed to educational improvement. This requires administrative support.

Not all changes are good. Many attempts are not successful. It is very important that change be tied to educational objectives. Faculty must make careful periodic assessments of the effect of new approaches on accomplishing these objectives. Ineffective changes need to be revised or abandoned.

Plans to perpetuate the changes that worked well.

Our curriculum changes have been fully implemented since the Spring 1995 semester. The faculty believe that the new educational model is achieving the educational objectives of the program. We continue to review and improve the curriculum and teaching methods being used based on new information. It is our belief that change is a continuous process. Implementation of our new curriculum is not the end but the beginning of the change process.

Major reports and articles generated from AECC grant activities.

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1998 Update.

Since the full implementation of our curriculum changes in 1995, we have carefully monitored the feedback of graduates and employers alike. Feedback has been largely positive and reinforcing. In the latest (Fall 1997) K-State Office of Educational Advancement Survey of Seniors, One-Year Graduates, and Four-Year Graduates, for example, we noted that four-year alumni (who had not experienced the Department's revised

curriculum) frequently indicated that the program emphasized too heavily rote learning and suggested that there be more emphasis on communications skills. Some also suggested that teamwork skills be emphasized. These complaints were almost nonexistent among seniors and one-year alumni, i.e., among those who had experienced the Department's revised curriculum. Some seniors did complain that there were *too many* group assignments. Department faculty have already reached the same conclusion and reduced the number of these types of assignments. Employers are generally complimentary about the quality of K-State Accounting graduates, especially regarding their problem-solving and communication skills. We believe these positive remarks are a result of the revision of the program, and faculty continue to emphasize cases, presentations, and written reports in their courses.

Perhaps the curriculum change that receives the most positive (anecdotal) feedback from recent graduates and their employers is the introduction of the research course. A number of our graduates have reported that the course gave them an advantage over graduates of other programs in that they already knew how to research the authoritative literature and how to communicate their findings effectively. A few have commented on the heavy workload in the course, but state that it was worth it. While employers do not necessarily refer to the research course specifically, they frequently comment on the facility of K-State graduates to formulate solutions to problems that do not have ready answers. We relate this facility to a large extent to the research course. We have come to view the course as one of the strongest components of our program. We have also come to understand it as a pivotal course *within* the program in that while it serves as a capstone course for the undergraduate program, it also serves as a cornerstone course for the graduate program.

On campus, the reorientation of the two first-year courses from a preparer's to a user's perspective has had no less an impact, the two courses having become two of the most popular electives on campus. The first course was voted by students campus-wide one of the top five ACool Classes - Classes that Add Some Zing to Your Semester@ (*The Campus Buzz*, Spring 1996), and the post-enrollment wait list to get into the two courses regularly approaches two hundred students. We attribute the popularity of the courses to their relevance to real-life decision-making.

One area that seniors, one-year alumni, four-year alumni, and employers alike call our attention to is that of developing students computer skills. The Department has taken several actions in response. Faculty actively seek ways to emphasize computer skills both in class and in conjunction with out-of-class assignments. Several faculty, for example, encourage or require students to use PowerPoint when making in-class presentations. Tax students are required to use computerized tax packages, and students in Advanced Accounting Information Systems are required to complete multiple accounting-information-systems design projects. In addition, students are encouraged to incorporate Internet research into their various class projects. We are exploring the possibility of constructing an accounting information systems track in the Masters program.

Finally, as a result of the changes in pedagogical approaches our curriculum revision entailed, the Department has incorporated professional development as a component of faculty annual evaluations. In this regard, faculty are expected to engage in pedagogical self-development in addition to keeping up with developments in their respective fields. They are encouraged to attend seminars and workshops on innovations in accounting education and to apply innovative techniques in their classes, and they are evaluated on the extent that they do so.