

**CURRICULAR ACTION  
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**Description of Action:** Change in Degree  
**Program Title:** Masters in Professional Accountancy

<u>Robert Auher</u> Proposal Sponsor		<u>02/16/06</u> Submission Date
<u>Robert Auher</u> Chair of Sponsoring Department	<u>Accounting</u> Department	<u>16 February 2006</u> Approval Date
<u>Donald K. Zahn</u> Chair, College Curriculum Committee		<u>2/23/06</u> Approval Date
<u>Chris Clark</u> Dean of College	<u>Bowdoin</u> College	<u>2/27/06</u> Approval Date

**For Undergraduate Actions:**

If a course is to be considered as a Diversity option:

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If a course is to be considered as a General Ed option:

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_____ Chair, University Curriculum Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Received & Recorded <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved	_____ Date
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_____ Chair, Faculty Senate	<input type="checkbox"/> Received & Recorded <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved	_____ Date
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**For Graduate Actions:**

_____ Graduate Council	<input type="checkbox"/> Received & Recorded <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved	_____ Date
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_____ Provost and Vice Chancellor	_____ Date
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University of Wisconsin-Whitewater  
Curriculum Proposal Form #2  
**Change in Degree, Major, or Submajor**

**Effective Term:** 2067 (Fall 2006)

**Type of Action:** Change in Degree

**Degree:** MPA

**Program Title:** Masters in Professional Accountancy

**GPA Requirement for the Major/Submajor:** 3.0

**Sponsor(s):** Robert Gruber

**Department(s):** Accounting

**College(s):** Business and Economics

**Consultation took place:**  NA  Yes (list departments and attach consultation sheet)

Departments:

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**Proposal Information:**

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After change 30 (w/ Comp. Exam)

**1. Exact description of request:**

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**4. Cost Implications:**

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Comprehensive Examination for assessment purposes at the self, department, and program, levels. Secondary objectives include (a) reduce the number of “units to degree” initiative endorsed by UW-System and (b) discourage MPA students from unwisely selecting coursework to avoid the Comprehensive Examination. The intrinsic and extrinsic benefits of the Comprehensive Examination far outweigh the perceived costs

**From** (2006-2008 Graduate Bulletin)

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**2. Relationship to mission and strategic plan of institution, and/or college and department goals and objectives:**

This proposal is consistent with the University’s Mission and Strategic Plan. This proposal is also completely consistent with the goals and objectives of the College of Business & Economics and the Accounting Department, particularly as it relates to the department’s assessment procedures.

**3. Rationale:**

As a *professional* graduate degree, the MPA program is keenly aware of the various demands of its external constituency groups. In addition, the program must be sensitive to the assessment requirements of its accreditation bodies (i.e., AACSB) and our Audit & Review process. Assessment results will be critical as the Accounting Department moves toward the pursuit of separate AACSB accreditation for its accounting programs in the near future. And a key component of the department’s assessment plan is the MPA Comprehensive Examination. A complete copy of the department’s assessment program is available from the department chair.

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