Following a full-scale review, the business school’s flagship Bachelor of Commerce (BComm) degree program is undergoing a number of significant changes to meet the school’s new strategic focus on ethical leadership, entrepreneurship and energy.

Over the next few months, program details will be finalized and made available via new program sheets outlining the recommended registration sequence, through the publication of the 2013/2014 Academic Calendar, and in an updated Degree Navigator regulation set. Ahead of the roll-out of these publications however, this notice is meant to provide key details to prospective and current students for application and registration planning purposes.

High School Students (entering September 2013)

High school students entering the BComm in September 2013 will be among the first to experience a revised program with revisions initially reflected in the Fall 2013 and Winter 2014 terms. Changes include a launch of three required 200-level course offerings to introduce business skills, business analytics and financial accounting (the latter subject being a re-numbering of an existing 300-level offering). As students in the September 2013 cohort progress through their program, additional new senior core courses will be phased in until the revised program is fully implemented. As new course requirements are being added to the program, some existing requirements will be simultaneously replaced. Students currently in their senior high school year or those who have recently completed high school, with no post-secondary business course completed, will follow the new program upon admission. Registration information for admitted students will be forthcoming later in the spring.

Current BComm Students

Current BComm Students are asked to take note of the following: *Note: Requirements below are listed in Full-Course Equivalents. A Full-Course Equivalent may consist of one full-course (6 units) or two half-courses (3 units each). The BComm degree program requires 20 full-course equivalents in total (120 units).*

- BSEN 291 will be offered at the University of Calgary for the last time in Spring 2013. Continuing Haskayne students still missing the course should note that additional sections have been added to the Spring 2013 term to accommodate demand.

- As the BComm program revisions are being phased in (including the very first business course taken), any student who has or will have successfully completed BSEN 291 will follow the existing graduation requirements in effect preceding the Fall 2013 revisions, with the one possible exception outlined below. Credit for both BSEN 291 and the revised program’s new 200-level introductory business courses is not permitted.
The revised program, when fully implemented, will allow for the possibility of completing one and one-half full-course equivalent senior commerce options. The current program only allows for one full-course equivalent. Continuing students who are required to follow the existing graduation requirements (preceding the Fall 2013 revisions), will be permitted by the Undergraduate Office to substitute one-half full-course equivalent senior commerce option for the senior non-commerce option currently required in fourth year. Students must be active and continuing in the BComm program for the Fall 2013 or a later term in order to take advantage of this substitution. Students completing program requirements before Fall 2013, ahead of the changes taking effect, are not eligible. Those students interested in this optional substitution must contact a Haskayne Advisor following Fall 2013 registration in order to confirm their eligibility. This substitution is subject to course requisites, restrictions and availability and does not apply to pre-commerce requirements for prospective students. Overload requests will not be entertained for this substitution.

Prospective Change-of-program/Transfer Students

Prospective BComm students with a post-secondary background are asked to take note of the following with regards to the program changes. Besides course changes affecting graduation requirements, prospective Fall 2013 change-of-program/transfer applicants should immediately be aware of the change to admission requirements outlined below, ahead of the application deadline of May 1, 2013. (Note: Requirements below are listed in Full-Course Equivalents. A Full-Course Equivalent may consist of one full-course (6 units) or two half-courses (3 units each). The BComm degree program requires 20 full-course equivalents in total (120 units).)

- BSEN 291 will be offered at the University of Calgary for the last time in Spring 2013. Prospective students completing pre-commerce requirements at other institutions are advised that existing transfer agreements for BSEN 291 equivalents will end effective August 31st, 2013. Provided the equivalent course is successfully completed before the Fall 2013 term, credit will be accepted for BSEN 291.

- As the BComm program revisions are being phased in (including the very first business course taken), any student who has or will have successfully completed BSEN 291 will follow the existing graduation requirements in effect preceding the Fall 2013 revisions, with the one possible exception outlined below. This applies to prospective change-of-program/transfer students who will or have been admitted into the BComm for the Fall 2013 term or future terms after completing pre-commerce requirements. Credit for both BSEN 291 and the revised program’s new 200-level introductory business courses is not permitted.

- The revised program, when fully implemented, will allow for the possibility of completing one and one-half full-course equivalent senior commerce options. The current program only allows for one full-course equivalent. Newly admitted change-of-program/transfer students in Fall 2013 or Fall 2014 who are required to follow the existing graduation requirements (preceding the Fall 2013 revisions), will be permitted by the Undergraduate Office to substitute one-half full-course equivalent senior commerce option for the senior non-commerce option currently required in fourth year. Students must be active in the BComm program (admitted to and registered), in order to take advantage of this substitution. Those students interested in this optional substitution must contact a Haskayne advisor following Fall registration in order to confirm their eligibility. This substitution is subject to course requisites, restrictions and availability and does not apply to pre-
commerce requirements for prospective students. Overload requests will not be entertained for this substitution.

**Earlier Admission into the BComm Program:**

Over the next two years, the Haskayne School of Business will transition to considering change-of-program/transfer applicants for entry into the BComm program earlier. In order to accomplish this, for Fall 2013 and Fall 2014, applicants will be considered for admission provided they meet one of two sets of prescribed pre-commerce requirements:

1. Successful completion of the existing 10 full course equivalent pre-commerce requirements (or successful completion of the majority of the existing 10 full course equivalent pre-commerce requirements, with deficiencies in only the ‘Senior Non-Commerce Option’ requirements), as outlined in the Fall 2012 Calendar.

2. Successful completion of a minimum of three prescribed full-course equivalents by the end of the Winter Term (January-April) of the year of application. The three prescribed full-course equivalents are: ECON 201, ECON 203, Junior English (ENGL 200-level), MATH 249 or 251 or 281 or equivalent, STAT 213, and STAT 217.

Applicants to Fall 2013 or Fall 2014 who are eligible for consideration under either criterion 1 or 2 above, will have their qualifications assessed in the application pool that most advantages them, regardless of what year of program they apply for.

By the Fall 2015 admission cycle, it is expected that all change-of-program/transfer applicants will be considered under the second set of pre-commerce requirements only. In addition, applicants are advised of the following:

- Admission will be competitive regardless of which set of prescribed pre-commerce requirements is presented by an applicant in Fall 2013 or Fall 2014. In either case, the grade point average will be calculated in the same manner, over the most recent course work to a maximum of five full-course equivalents (University of Calgary courses and/or transfer courses taken at other institutions).

- Spring Term courses taken after May 1 in the year of admission will not be used in the calculation of the grade point average.

- The existing Calendar regulations concerning repetition and minimum grades required in specific courses apply to either set of prescribed pre-commerce requirements.

- While both sets of pre-commerce requirements exist, students should be aware that the grade point average required for entrance into third year under the existing 10 full-course equivalent pre-commerce criterion will be considerably lower than the grade point average required for earlier entrance under the new set of pre-commerce requirements.

  - Initial Fall 2013 offers of admission for students meeting the new, earlier admission criterion (3.0 prescribed full-course equivalents), will be made once final Winter 2013 grades are available. It is expected that the starting grade point average for consideration under this criterion in Fall 2013 will be 3.50/4.00. Grade point averages below 3.20/4.00 will not be considered.
In comparison, it is expected that the Fall 2013 starting grade point average will be 3.00/4.00 for third year admission following completion of all existing 10 full course equivalent pre-commerce requirements, and 3.30/4.00 for third year admission following completion of the majority of the existing 10 full course equivalent pre-commerce requirements, with deficiencies in only the ‘Senior Non-Commerce Option’ requirements.

Please note there is an information evening on March 19th. Details at: http://www.ucalgary.ca/prospectivestudents/connect/events/infoevenings/calgary

Haskayne advisors are available to answer questions related to the above BComm program revisions ahead of the publication of the Calendar and revised program sheets. They can be contacted in the following ways:

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