

IUPUI GAC Reviewer Form

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Date Reviewed:

Documents Reviewed: Master of Science in Taxation Proposal

Summary of Proposal:

1. Are the goals clear and achievable?

Yes

2. Is the program academically sound?

Yes, but it is unclear why non tax courses are not considered as electives or required courses. Also, it is not clear whether all courses will be offered on campus. I assume that is the case.

3. Are faculty resources available to offer this certificate without undercutting other key missions of the unit?

According to the document, they imply that the current resources are sufficient to serve this program.

4. Is there overlap, either real or potential, with any other unit that could harm the program or be exploited to help the program?

It could be a very successful program that would ultimately compete with the IU Bloomington program, but the proposed program offers much more than could currently be offered on the Bloomington campus, so it seems some place should start offering these courses.

5. My recommendation, comments/concerns regarding this proposal...

More details about which courses are required and which are elective should be presented.

**REVIEWER'S COMMENTS ON PROPOSAL:
IUPUI MASTER OF SCIENCE IN TAXATION**

The IUPUI proposal for a Master of Science in Taxation offers a strong array of tax classes that will be valuable for accounting undergrads looking for 150 credit hours as well as for professionals seeking CPE hours and/or CFA certification. In my opinion, the faculty resources are available for the program.

What is not clear to me is why it was necessary to create the MST instead of using the current MSA program but altering it for a tax emphasis. The proposal states that there are 21 required credit hours of tax and 9 elective hours. Given the list of courses, it seems that all of the electives are only tax classes. There is no defense or explanation of why the program does not offer some accounting, business law, or other business related courses.

To the extent this program offers lots of tax course options, it could attract some students from the IU Bloomington campus to the IUPUI campus. That does not necessarily have to harm or compete with the Bloomington problem. The ramifications are unclear. Alternatively, it could be beneficial to Bloomington students who would like to take a tax elective which is not offered on the Bloomington campus.

The course offerings are not completely clear in the proposal. The list of coursework is not identical with the course descriptions at the end of the document. For example, in one spot A539 is labeled as an entity class but as a corporate tax class is another place. A559 is not listed in the coursework table. Is it a required or elective class? Why is A557 for International tax not listed in the course work table (similarly for A544 and A554)?

Will all of these courses be offered on the IUPUI campus? Or, will on line courses be substituted for the on campus offerings?