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Financial Accounting for Non-Business Majors BUS 200

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LIBRARY IMPACT STATEMENT (New Course Proposal)
LIBRARIAN'S ASSESSMENT

Subject selectors will complete this form as requested, assessing library materials and collections as detailed below. Send one copy of the assessment to the faculty member who requested it. Send one copy of the assessment to the Collection Management Officer.

Course: ___BUS 200 Financial Accounting for Non-Business Majors_____

Department, College: ___Accounting, College of Business_____

Faculty Member: ___Prof. Roberta Newell_____

Date returned to Faculty: ___4 October 2019_____

Librarian Completing Assessment: ___Prof. Andrée Rathemacher *Andrée J. Rathemacher*_____

Collection Management Officer: ___Prof. Joanna Burkhardt_____

Assessment of:

- Suitability of existing library resources;
- New library resources required to support the program;
- Information skills education required by the students; and
- Funds needed for library materials and services.

Please include:

1. What library holdings already exist in relevant subject categories. How much money is now allocated in the subject area?
2. Does URI have the essential journals as noted in the Faculty Questionnaire?
3. What new resources are required to support the course (including media, electronic, or other non-print materials)?
4. What information mastery sessions will be required for the students?
5. What is the approximate cost to acquire the materials necessary? Which of these will be continuing costs?

The Library Impact Statement for BUS 200 *Financial Accounting for Non-Business Majors* states that students will not be conducting library research in the course, and the proposed syllabus confirms this. The responses to the prompts on the Course Request LIS Form, “LIST the critical journals, monographs, and electronic resources in the field that the University Library MUST have in order to support this course or program” and “LIST any additional journals, monographs and electronic resources in the field that would support the course, but are NOT essential” have been left blank.

Students will be relying on their textbook, readings in Sakai, and “McGraw Hill Connect” for course content. The course grade will not be determined by assignments that require the use of library information resources. That being said, here are the main URI Library resources that would support this course:

- Mergent Online (for company financial statements)
- ABI/INFORM Complete (for articles about companies and accounting practices)
- D&B Key Business Ratios (for comparing company business ratios to the industry)
- Accounting Research Manager Audit Private Module (for specialized accounting information)

The total annual cost of the resources listed above is \$63,783. An additional \$21,000 a year is available for the one-time purchase of information resources through library funds allocated to business and through the Independent Insurance Agents endowment.

Based on my review of the Library Impact Statement and the proposed syllabus for BUS 200 *Financial Accounting for Non-Business Majors*, I conclude that:

Students will not require information skills education from the library for this course.

Existing library resources are suitable; no new library resources or funds are required to support the course.

In my role as Subject Selector for the College of Business, I support the addition of this course.

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