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### **Ferris College of Business creates two new CPA options**

BIG RAPIDS – Ferris State University’s College of Business has introduced two new options for students interested in a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) career.

Michigan, as well as most other states, now requires 150 credit hours of university education for licensure to practice as a CPA. In response to these recent requirements, the Accountancy program and the College of Business Graduate Programs department have created two options specifically targeted for students interested in pursuing a CPA career and meeting the 150 hour requirement.

Students who have demonstrated strong academic performance and capabilities may now choose to follow a pathway which combines the Bachelor of Accounting and Master of Science in Information Systems Management (MS-ISM) requiring 150 credit hours to complete, or the Bachelor of Accounting and Master of Business Administration (MBA) requiring 153 credit hours for completion. Either option allows students to satisfy the Michigan requirement of 150 credit hours or more for the CPA.

Interested students may apply in winter semester of their junior year. Those students meeting the academic requirements and recommended by accounting faculty begin their graduate coursework toward the MS-ISM or MBA during their senior (fourth) year. A fifth year is required to complete the graduate degree.

“The value of these new options is that Ferris recruiters and departments can now present a semester-by-semester educational path that meets the 150 hour licensure requirements for the CPA profession and a skills and career enhancing graduate degree, said Business counselor Becky Kowalkoski.

Information about the options is available from the Accounting program office at 231-591-2431, the Dean’s Office at 231-591-2420 or the College of Business Graduate Programs 231-591-2168.