Information Systems Audit and Control Minor

The intent of this action is to create an interdisciplinary minor “Information Systems Audit and Control”, and house it in the Department of Accounting and Finance. The minor will be serviced by the Department of Accounting and Finance and the Department of Information Systems.

Rationale: Accounting majors and information systems majors could take advantage of many career opportunities available to students with specific background in each field. There are also specific certifications open to CPAs, such as Certified Information Systems Auditor, that are expected to increase in importance over our students’ careers.

Currently, accounting majors lack specific types of technical IS knowledge required to succeed in the electronic audit field; similarly, IS majors lack needed accounting knowledge. This minor would remedy both deficiencies; it complies with the requirements set by ISACA (Information Systems Audit and Control Association), a leading academic society that advocates for educational programs in this area.

This minor does not overlap existing major, minor or certificate programs available elsewhere on campus; indeed, an Internet search indicates there are no such programs in the Upper Midwest to serve this high-demand area. A minimum of 12 credits of content is new to each major (for example, there are at least 12 credits of information systems in this minor that accounting students would otherwise not take).

See below for list of minor requirements.

MINOR: INFORMATION SYSTEMS AUDIT AND CONTROL
(Code xxx-xxx)
Twenty-four semester credits including ACCT: 301, 313, 430, 435, plus one ACCT elective (choose from Acct 302, 314, 420) IS: 314, 344, either 365 or 375, plus one IS elective (choose from IS 384, 411, 450, 455). This minor is designed for students interested in becoming information systems auditors.

NOTE 1: A 2.00 or higher GPA in courses counting toward a minor is required.
NOTE 2: Students selecting this minor must satisfy the College of Business admission requirements prior to enrollment in 300/400 numbered courses in the College of Business.
NOTE 3: Students must earn 12 credits unique to this minor.