To: Summer 2021 Term Intermediate Accounting I (ACTG 3110) Students
From: Jeannie Harrington, Chair, Department of Accounting
Date: March 18, 2021
Re: Intermediate Accounting I entrance requirement for Summer 2021 term

As specified in the MTSU undergraduate catalog, all students enrolling in ACTG 3110 must achieve a passing grade on a departmental admission exam. Through this requirement, we continue to make progress towards our goal of ensuring students are adequately prepared for Intermediate Accounting I, because students complete the Principles of Accounting II prerequisite via a variety of different principles II curricula at a variety of different schools.

Due to the COVID-19 distancing requirements that are still in place, the entrance exam will NOT be administered for Summer 2021 term enrollment in ACTG 3110. With both the physical health and the academic preparedness of our students in mind, the entrance requirement will be met via successful completion of ALEKS®, which is an interactive online learning system that assesses a student's beginning knowledge level and then offers instruction to bring the student to the appropriate knowledge level.

All students enrolled in ACTG 3110 during Summer 2021 Term MUST COMPLETE ALEKS® (Financial Accounting: Accounting Cycle/Corporation) by 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, unless they met the entrance requirement as part of the ACTG 3110 curriculum during Spring 2021 semester.

Based on more than 13 years of feedback from students, the Department of Accounting’s Intermediate Readiness Committee is confident that Summer 2021 term students will find benefit in this review of the financial accounting cycle; in addition, many previous students have reported enjoying completing the module. We want you to succeed in ACTG 3110, and we believe this is an acceptable change in the entrance policy for Summer 2021 Term that both meets the needs of the times and of our students.

Enrollment in ACTG 3110 during Summer 2021 Term requires a permission of department (POD) override. The POD override may be obtained by calling the Department of Accounting at 615-898-2558.
As soon as you are enrolled in ACTG 3110, contact Ms. Foote at Rebecca.Foote@mtsu.edu to request the ALEKS® registration instructions, which will include the access code; the ALEKS® access code will be paid for by the Department of Accounting. The time requirement to complete the online module ranges from five hours to 50 hours, averaging approximately 18 hours.

A student who does not successfully complete the entrance requirement by 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, will be given the option of withdrawing from the course for the term or remaining in ACTG 3110 for the duration of the term and earning a term grade of F or FA (determined by the student’s attendance history in ACTG 3110 during Summer 2021 Term). In the event a student chooses to remain enrolled in ACTG 3110 after failing to meet the entrance requirement by the deadline of 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, no assignments or tests will be graded from that point forward.

Please contact Rebecca Foote with any questions you have regarding the Intermediate Accounting I entrance requirement. Her contact information is listed below.

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