

BOARD OF REGENTS
STATE OF MONTANA

PROPOSAL

TO INITIATE A NEW, EXPANDED, COOPERATIVE, OR
OFF-CAMPUS INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

SUBMITTED BY:

THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA - MISSOULA

Helena College of Technology
Name of College, School, or Division

Business Department
Name of Department(s) or Area

A NEW, EXPANDED, COOPERATIVE, OR OFF-CAMPUS
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM LEADING TO:

Associate of Applied Science Option
*Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's,
Master's, or Doctoral Degree
(Give complete name of degree)*

Computer Technology Webmaster
Academic Specialty or Area

Spring Semester 2001
Proposed Starting Date

THIS PROPOSAL HAS BEEN APPROVED BY:

Department or Division Head Date

VP Administration and Finance Date

Dean of College or School Date

Graduate Dean Date
(for graduate proposals)

Provost/VP Academic Affairs Date

Assoc Provost Graduate Studies Date
(for graduate proposals)

President Date

(Resides on file in President's Office at UM)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Brief Description of Proposed Program

The proposed Webmaster Option is an additional option under the existing Computer Technology Program leading to the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Computer Technology.

The current Computer Technology Program has three options students may pursue: Microcomputer Applications, Network Administration, and Programming. A request is currently before the Board of Regents for a option in Network Architecture. Students take courses leading to the successful attainment of the two-year AAS degree in Computer Technology with any one or a combination of the offered options.

The proposed Webmaster option is a 69-credit option also delivered in the four-semester sequence. It is designed for individuals wanting to specialize in Internet web applications development or Internet web server maintenance. The proposed Webmaster option has been developed in response to three influences: (1) the increasing number of job announcements seeking applications for webmasters; (2) advice from our Computer Technology advisory

committee members; and (3) the direction stated by state government officials to offer more web-based services via the Internet.

Needs Assessment

As stated above, the need for the new Webmaster program has been established in several venues. First, there are an increasing number of job announcements on the State job board for job applicants possessing specialized knowledge and skills related to web server maintenance and web applications development. Second, our Computer Technology advisory committee members - representing both state government and private business - strongly support a sequence of instruction leading to specialization in web techniques. Third, there is a general increase in eBusiness, eCommerce and eGovernment throughout the nation with complementary direction set by State of Montana information technology officials for department directors to make services available to State citizens via the Internet. This announcement has increased the need for web-knowledgeable technicians.

Relationship to the Role and Scope of the Institution

The addition of a new Webmaster option within the existing Computer Technology program remains consistent with program objectives and the Helena College of Technology mission of providing academic (transfer), occupational, and developmental education which, in turn, is part of the role and scope of The University of Montana.

Impact on Administrative Structure

The proposed Webmaster option is to be incorporated under the existing Computer Technology program within the existing Business Department. As such, there is no need for any change in administrative structure.

Similar Programs in Montana

Only the Great Falls College of Technology offers a similar web-related option.

Program Accreditation

The new Webmaster option is to be housed within the Computer Technology program. All programs at the Helena College of Technology were recently re-accredited by the Northwest Accreditation team in 2000.

Proposed Curriculum

The proposed curriculum is appended to this proposal. Curriculum design is the result of input from the Computer Technology Advisory Committee and current faculty. The proposed Webmaster option builds on the core courses already offered in the Computer Technology degree. Three new courses and one upgraded course complete the course requirements for this proposal.

FACULTY AND STAFF REQUIREMENTS

Current Faculty

Current faculty in the Computer Technology program are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Kirsten Graham	Level III
Dave Marshall	Level III
Gwyn Daniels	Level II
Kevin Brockbank	Level I
Susan Engle	Level II

New Faculty

There is no need for new faculty to implement the Webmaster option. However, there will be a need for adjunct faculty with specialization in web server maintenance. It is anticipated that one new full-time faculty member will be added during the third year.

Support Personnel

7. Fringe Benefits	2,016	11,287	11,287	11,287
8. Other				

Total Personnel FTE and Cost .5 9,216 1.5 51,597 1.5 51,597 1.5 51,597

B. Operating Expenditures First Year Second Year Third Year Fourth Year Fifth Year

1. Travel for Faculty Training
2. Professional Services
3. Other Services
4. Communications
5. Utilities
6. Materials and Supplies
7. Rentals
8. Repairs and Maintenance
9. Materials – Resale
10. Miscellaneous

Total Operating Expenditure

C. Capital Outlay

1. Library Resources
2. Equipment

Total Capital Outlay

D. Physical Facilities

1. Construction/Renovation
2. Rental

E. Indirect Costs (overhead)

GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES 9,216 51,597 51,597 51,597

III. REVENUES

A. Source of Funds

1. Appropriated Funds (Reallocation) 9,216 51,597 51,597 51,597
2. Appropriated Funds/New
3. Federal Funds
4. Other Grants
5. Fees
6. Other ()

Total Source of Funds

B. Nature of Funds

1. Recurring 9,216 51,597 51,597 51,597
2. Non-Recurring

GRAND TOTAL REVENUES 9,216 51,597 51,597 51,597

PROPOSED WEBMASTER OPTION

1 st Sem	2 nd Sem	3 rd Sem	4 th Sem
Intro to Micros (3) or Electives	Presentations (2)	Object Oriented Programming - Java (4)	Capstone (2)
Intro to CT (4)	Spreadsheets (2)	Intro to SQL/Oracle (4)	*Web Applications (4)
Keyboarding (2)	Accounting I (4)	English (2)	*Web Databases (4)
Tech Comm (3)	Internet (2)	PC Config (3)	Electives (Int DB, Cisco I, Cisco II) (4)
Fundamentals of Algebra (3)	Visual Basic (4)	*Web Servers & Security (4)	Career Development (3)
Word Proc (2)	*Adv Web Pages (2)		
	DBMS (Access) (2)		
TOT CRED: 17	TOT CRED: 18	TOT CRED: 17	TOT CRED: 17

Courses in shaded cells contribute to knowledge and skills directly related to Webmaster. Courses with an asterisk (*) are new and unique to the Webmaster option.

TOTAL CREDITS FOR OPTION: 69

Goals for Webmaster option:

- Have practical hands-on experience with web development application software (Notepad, FrontPage, MS InterDev, DreamWeaver); be able to select the best tool for the job at hand; be able to create attractive and effective, static and dynamic web pages.
- Be able to write both client-side and server-side scripting using Java Applets, Javascript, VBScript, and Active Server Pages.
- Be able to provide Internet services involving server-side files and relational databases (Access and Oracle).
- Be able to manage an MS Internet Information Services (IIS) or Unix Apache web server.
- Know security functions (ie, firewalls).

*New courses (14 credits unique to the option):

- Adv Web Pages: thorough knowledge and understanding of HTML tags.
- Web Apps: A change of +2 credits from the current Web Apps course. This is where they get JavaScript, VBScript, and ASP scripting.
- Web Servers and Security: Hands-on practical application administering both the MS IIS and the Unix Apache web servers. Practice with web security (firewalls).
- Web Databases: Create a major interactive Oracle application on the web.

NEW COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

CT-1XX: Advanced Web Pages.

Credits: 2

Prerequisites: CT145 (Internet, may be taken concurrently).

This is a follow-on course to the basic Internet course. Students will create complex web pages using state-of-the-art software development tools while emphasizing a thorough knowledge of HTML tags with particular attention to TABLE, INPUT and FORM tags. Students will also be exposed to XML web pages as well as cascading style sheets.

CT-2XX: Web Servers and Security.

Credits: 4

Prerequisites: CT240 (PC Configuration, may be taken concurrently), or consent of the Instructor.

The goal of this course is to give students hands-on experience with both the Windows IIS and Unix Apache web servers and to give them a solid understanding of what is going on behind the scenes of a web site. Students will learn the strengths and weaknesses of each. Students will learn what comprises a web server and will actively administer the various server components, to include server security.

CT-2XX: Developing Web Applications.

Credits: 4 (upgrade from 2 credits)

Prerequisites: CT131 (Visual Basic) and CT216 (Object-Oriented Programming), or consent of the Instructor.

Previous web-related courses concentrate on developing static web pages that run with Internet browser software. This course carries the concept another step forward by creating dynamic web pages and responding server programs that manipulate data submitted by the client browsers. Students will learn more about HTML tags, JavaScript and Active Server Pages using VBScript.

CT-2XX: Web Databases.

Credits: 4

Prerequisites: CT255 (SQL/Oracle), or consent of the Instructor.

Students will create a major interactive Internet application using the Oracle database. Concepts of eCommerce, eBusiness and eGovernment will be emphasized.
