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Century Offering Accelerated Business Degree

Century College this spring semester will begin offering an accelerated business degree that allows students to take two classes in one weekly evening session, with half of the work accomplished online.

“Many adult working students are telling us that they do not have time to attend class three to four times a week,” said Century business instructor Evan Barshack. “There has been a lot of demand for making the schedule more user-friendly.”

Barshack said the courses for the new Associate of Science degree in business administration will be offered in a rotation so that students can earn the degree in two years.

Previously, he noted, students sometimes had to wait for a course to be offered, which extended the time it took for them to earn the degree.

The classroom courses will be offered back-to-back for a three-hour period one night a week. Students who sign up for these classes tend to get to know each other as they take the business classes together semester after semester.

“Students who feel a part of a community have a higher success rate,” said Barshack. “Peer support helps.”

Century student Stephanie Wallisch of Oakdale said the accelerated schedule will be helpful to working adults such as herself who are balancing full-time jobs and family responsibilities. Having a hybrid course that is taught partly in the classroom and partly online also is helpful, she said.

A human resources generalist with Spire Federal Credit Union, Wallisch said she has been working on her business degree for four years and she only has two classes left. “Having this program in place would have really helped me,” she said. “I could have cut the time it took to earn my degree in half.”

Wallisch said she has persisted in her graduation goal because it is fulfilling something she has always wanted to do. “It also is setting a good example for my kids,” she said.

Barshack said the degree, while open to everyone, is designed for working adults like Ms Wallisch who are juggling work, parenthood and school.



Photo: Stephanie Wallisch