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TO: All MSE Students

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SUBJECT: Pre-MSE Accounting Preparation

Most students find their first term in graduate-level programs to be rigorous, academically challenging, and stressful. **This is especially true at nationally ranked programs such as ours. In order to ease some of the pressure as you start your MSE program, you must do some preliminary background work in introductory accounting before arriving on campus.** Failure to complete such work does not necessarily mean that you will not be able to successfully complete the program, but it does mean that you will face the added burden of catching up to your classmates during the first term of the program.

As a preparation we recommend that you use at least one of the software programs in addition to the text and workbook listed on page two. It is the opinion of the accounting faculty that the programmed text does the best job of preparing you for your financial accounting class. Regardless of the alternative(s) you use, you should be aware that a superficial knowledge is not adequate and that you should arrive on campus with a full understanding of the material covered. This means that simply reading about accounting is not sufficient: you must spend time working with accounting problems to be prepared to begin the class.

We hope you find that this preparation eases your transition to graduate school. Please contact the MSE Program Office should you have any questions.

Advanced Preparation for Financial Accounting

1. Completion of the programmed text (mandatory):

Essentials of Accounting

Robert N. Anthony & Leslie K. Pearlman

Any Edition, Prentice Hall

Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458

www.prenhall.com

Approximate Cost: \$55.00

Workbook included (**There may be a test on this material the second week of class**)

- The fastest way to obtain this book is through Gator Textbooks: 352-374-4500
- Indicate that you are an MSE student and receive a discount

2. Completion of **one** of the following instructional software programs:

Financial Accounting: A Management Perspective

Robert N. Holt

Ivy Software, 2246 Ivy Road, Suite 14

Charlottesville, VA 22903

Telephone: (800) 342-5489

www.ivysoftware.com

Approximate cost: \$63.00

Requires CD-ROM Drive and sound card

Accounting Interactive

Pre-MBA- most recent edition

Graduate Management Admission Council

PO Box 6108, Princeton, NJ 05451-6108

Telephone: (800) 982-6740

www.mba.com (mba.com store – top right on web site)

Approximate cost: \$61.99

Requires CD-ROM drive and sound card