BUS K 204 Honors: The Computer in Business (3 cr.) P: Students must be admitted to the Hutton Honors College or the Business Honors Program. K204 substitutes for K201, an I-Core prerequisite that is required for all business majors. It provides an introduction to the role of computers and other information technologies in business. It provides instruction in both functional and conceptual computer literacy. Conceptual computer literacy is the focus of the weekly lecture. After introducing the basic concepts of computer use, these lectures devote special attention to current technological innovation in social and business environments. Topics include technology and organizational change, telecommunications, privacy in the information age, and business security on the Internet. Functional computer literacy is the focus of the weekly discussion section, which meets twice a week in a computer lab. This part of the course presents an introduction to two of the most widely used database and spreadsheet packages:

Microsoft Access and Microsoft Excel. Students learn, via hands-on examples, many of the powerful tools contained in these two packages with emphasis on how to analyze a variety of business problems with Access and Excel. The goal is not to teach these packages in an abstract sense, but rather to show how they can be applied to real business problems to help make important decisions. K204 is the honors version of K201, and it shares the same basic course content as K201. However, its in-class applications and its projects and exams are more challenging than those in K201.