



AUBURN UNIVERSITY

Master of Science in Information Systems

PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

The MSIS program prepares the graduate to assume a senior staff position or management position in the information systems field.

PROGRAM CURRICULUM

The MSIS degree is offered in two formats. Students may attend classes on campus or may pursue the degree via the distance learning (DL) alternative. DL students go through the same admissions process and receive the same lectures, assignments, and degree as on-campus students. DL students are required to come to campus only once at the end of the program to present his or her final project. Information on the distance learning alternative is available at the end of this brochure.

Students who do not have an undergraduate degree in business may be required to complete a series of business foundation courses. Previous coursework may be used to waive these foundation courses or students may pass a competency examination administered through the MBA office. MSIS students must also possess knowledge of computer programming languages or take two programming courses at Auburn.

A minimum of 30 hours (27 hours of the student's own choosing) beyond the foundation core is required for the MSIS degree. The MSIS Program Coordinator will provide initial coursework advice to the student. **By the end of the second semester of study**, the student must choose two MSIS faculty to act as his/her Program of Study (POS) committee who will ensure that the student 1) chooses a complement of courses to satisfy the MSIS Program and 2) has satisfied the foundation requirements.

It is the responsibility of the student to get the POS form completed, signed and filed with the Graduate School.

The student must also choose a project committee. This group of three faculty members, two of whom must be MSIS faculty, will assist the student in designing and completing an approved graduate level project. This required application course must be completed with a grade of B or better.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission is based on consideration of the applicant's proven ability to perform academic work at a superior level, leadership qualities, and overall accomplishments. Applicants must meet the General Admission Requirements of the Graduate School as outlined in the *Graduate Bulletin*. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Bachelor's degree or its equivalent from an accredited college or university.
- Acceptable scores on the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) or Graduate Records Examination (GRE)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Two official transcripts of all undergraduate and any graduate credits from each school previously attended.
- International applicants must score at least 550 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).
- For additional information please see: www.auburn.edu/student_info/bulletin_07-08/graduate.pdf

Application to the MSIS Program consists of two parts:

First, students apply to the Auburn University Graduate School. The Graduate School on-line Application is located here:

http://fp.auburn.edu/gradschl/public_html/GWAAP3/default.htm

Second, students must apply to the MSIS Program. The Department of Management application to the MSIS program is located here:

<http://business.auburn.edu/academicdepartments/management>

TRANSFER OF CREDIT

Graduate credit taken in residence at another approved graduate school may be transferred to Auburn University. No prior commitment is made concerning whether transfer credit will be accepted. A maximum of 6 hours may be transferred at the discretion of the POS committee.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

The application and all relevant materials must be received by the Graduate School at least 45 days (domestic) or 90 days (international) before the first day of classes of the semester in which the student wishes to enroll.

Why should I choose Auburn?

There are many reasons why you should choose to pursue your graduate degree at Auburn.

- The College of Business is AACSB and SACS accredited.
- We have a proven success record with our programs that include integrated information technology throughout.
- Depending on the class load taken, the program, on average, can be completed in 18 months.
- A student can begin the program at the beginning of any semester after acceptance into the Graduate School and the MSIS program.
- A distance learning alternative is available.

The MSIS program offers several concentrations including:

- Management Information Systems
- Information Assurance and Security
- Knowledge Management and Decision Making
- Telecommunications and Network Security
- Supply Chain Management (in conjunction with the Department of Aviation and Supply Chain Management)

For more information, please contact:

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DISTANCE LEARNING INFORMATION

Students are encouraged to communicate with professors, advisors, and classmates via e-mail. As an Auburn student, you will have access to an Auburn e-mail account and electronic library resources. Of course, you are also eligible for all student benefits such as athletic tickets.

On-campus classes are recorded and delivered via streaming video or DVD to the student within a few hours. Tests are administered by an approved proctor at the student's site. The distance learning program is facilitated by the Graduate Outreach Program (GOP) office. The student, the employer, and the GOP office will jointly select a proctor who is in a supervisory or human resources position, and who is not a peer or subordinate. Proctors are responsible for receiving, administering, and returning all exams to the GOP Office.

Billing is done electronically through the student's e-mail account. Companies that prefer direct billing must submit a letter of agreement to the Bursar's office via the GOP office. Companies are billed once per semester.

Military personnel may apply for tuition aid. The GOP has signed a memorandum of understanding for educational services. For further information, go to: <http://www.dantes.doded.mil>

Information about the Graduate Outreach Program may be found at http://eng.auburn.edu/bus_outreach/index.html.