Information Systems

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Information Systems (IS) is the study of the development, management and application of computer information systems by businesses. IS graduates have a wide variety of excellent career prospects. Systems/business/data analyst, web services developer, application software developer, project manager, digital network manager, risk assurance professional, and database administrator are just a few of the prestigious and well-paid positions available to them.

The IS program is housed in the College of Business allowing IS graduates to obtain a broad background in business concepts. This allows them to develop expertise in bridging the gap between business professionals and computer technologists. IS graduates develop important business knowledge and skills such as communication, teamwork and problem solving as well as technical knowledge and skills such as systems analysis and design, computer programming, database management, network management, and Web development.

The IS department offers a comprehensive major (61 credits, no minor required). The department also offers a minor (25 credits), and a certificate (12 credits).

Student Organizations

The IS department sponsors a student chapter of the Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP). Membership is open to all students interested in the study of information systems.

Department of Information Systems

Scholarships

Refer to the College of Business website for an up-to-date listing of Department of Information Systems scholarships, or contact the department at is@uwec.edu or 715-836-4320.

Faculty

Anthony Keys, Chair  
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Majors

• Comprehensive Major: Information Systems - B.B.A.

Minors

• Minor: Information Systems

Certificates

• Certificate: Information Systems

IS 220 Service-Learning in Information Systems (1 cr)
Consent: Instructor Consent Required  
• No credit toward IS major.

Provides opportunity to obtain practical experience in analysis, design, and implementation of information systems. All assignments must be completed within one calendar year (preferably one semester). Assignments outstanding longer than one year will be graded unsatisfactory.

Attributes: Service-Learning, Full 30 Hours  
Grading Basis: S/U Only Grade Basis  
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 0  
Lab/Studio Hours: 2

IS 240 Information Systems in Business (3 crs)
Prerequisite: Minimum sophomore standing, or consent of instructor.  
• This course requires access to a laptop computer which can be brought to class when required.

A study of information systems in business to include management decision support systems, concepts of systems analysis and design, and information processing. Students will learn to use and apply various software programs as productivity tools.

Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

IS 290 Introduction to Database Applications (3 crs)
Prerequisite: No credit if taken after IS 344.  
• This course requires access to a laptop computer which can be brought to class when required.

An introduction to database applications created by end users. Students will learn to construct a database, user interface, and reports to summarize data.

Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

IS 304 Fundamentals of Business Programming (3 crs)
Prerequisite: IS 240 or consent of instructor.  
• This course requires access to a laptop computer which can be brought to class when required.

Fundamental skills and knowledge for programming business applications including interface design, writing documentation, and using debugging tools. Procedural programming structures and design considerations and interface object use are presented in a state-of-the-art integrated development environment.

Attributes: Undergraduate/Graduate Offering  
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0
IS 310 Systems Analysis and Design (3 crs)
Prerequisite: IS 240
• This course requires access to a laptop computer which can be brought to class when required.

Introduces theory and practice of systems analysis and design. Topics include determining business requirements, documenting organizational processes, analyzing information flows, reengineering/designing information systems, and managing projects. Team project required.
Attributes: Undergraduate/Graduate Offering
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

IS 314 Business Software Engineering (3 crs)
Prerequisite: IS 304/IS 504; IS 310/IS 510 or concurrent enrollment; or consent of instructor.
• This course requires access to a laptop computer which can be brought to class when required.

Develops object-oriented programming skills at the intermediate level. Develops techniques of data access, input, output, and processing in a business environment using programming tools. Utilizes beginning SQL programming techniques and a state-of-the-art integrated development environment.
Attributes: Undergraduate/Graduate Offering
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

IS 320 Internship in Information Systems I (1-3 crs)
Prerequisite: IS 240. No credit if taken after IS 420. Limited to IS Majors. Minimum sophomore standing.
Consent: Department Consent Required
• Internship enrollment form available in IS department office.

Initial coordinated on-the-job business experience in information systems. Gives students an opportunity to participate actively in daily business activities related to the IS major.
Attributes: LE-I Integration, Internship, Special Course Fee Required Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 1-3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

IS 324 Object-Oriented Systems (3 crs)
Prerequisite: IS 304, IS 310
• This course requires access to a laptop computer which can be brought to class when required.

An introduction to Object-Oriented Analysis, Design and Implementation language and concepts. Iterative methodologies are described. Design patterns and tiered architectures are investigated. An object-oriented system is used to illustrate the concepts.
Attributes: Undergraduate/Graduate Offering
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

IS 344 Database Management Systems (3 crs)
Prerequisite: IS 304/IS 504 and IS 310/IS 510.
• This course requires access to a laptop computer which can be brought to class when required.

Study of physical and logical design and structure of relational databases; overview of SQL; hands-on experience with client/server database management software. Group project required.
Attributes: Undergraduate/Graduate Offering
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

IS 345 Networking with Client Operating Systems (3 crs)
Prerequisite: IS 240.
• This course requires access to a laptop computer which can be brought to class when required.

Study of enterprise networking from a client operating system perspective. Theory and practice of topics such as networking models, domains, Active Directory, domain client, desktop/user profiles, resource sharing, authentication, and network security.
Attributes: Undergraduate/Graduate Offering
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

IS 365 Information Assurance (3 crs)
Prerequisite: IS 310. Minimum junior standing.
• This course requires access to a laptop computer which can be brought to class when required.

Conceptual frameworks for information assurance: asset valuation, security threats, risk assessment, policy development, policy implementation, controls, business continuity planning, and disaster recovery. Communication and analytical skills are enhanced through a case-based approach.
Attributes: Undergraduate/Graduate Offering
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

IS 375 Server-based Networking & Security (3 crs)
Prerequisite: IS 345
• This course requires access to a laptop computer which can be brought to class when required.

Study of theory and practice of enterprise networking from a server operating system perspective. Topics include domain creation, Active Directory management and delegation, scripting, security policies, roaming profiles, access permissions, and security auditing.
Attributes: Undergraduate/Graduate Offering
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0
IS 384 Advanced Design and Development (3 crs)
Prerequisite: IS 344

- This course requires access to a laptop computer which can be brought to class when required.

Real-world information systems design and development cases. Includes project management in real organizational contexts. Requires understanding of design and development but not expertise. Leadership development via participation in multi-skilled teams.

Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

IS 390 Selected Topics in Information Systems (1-3 crs)

- Admission to College of Business not required. Available to non-business students Selected topics in information systems. Small groups will study topics selected because of a special interest in them on the part of students or faculty.

Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 1-3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

IS 399 Independent Study - Juniors (1-3 crs)
Consent: Department Consent Required

- Enrollment form available in IS department office.

Repeat: Course may be repeated

IS 410 Network and Data Security (3 crs)
Prerequisite: IS 304/IS 504 and IS 345/IS 545.

- This course requires access to a laptop computer which can be brought to class when required.

Addresses hardware and software fundamentals of network security including access control security, information security, and security planning and development. Develops students' working knowledge of available methods and tools for enhancing enterprise data and network security.

Attributes: Undergraduate/Graduate Offering
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

IS 420 Internship in Information Systems (1-3 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to IS majors.
Consent: Department Consent Required

- IS 310/IS 510, IS 344/IS 544, and IS 345/IS 545 are recommended prior to enrollment in this course. Internship enrollment form available in IS department office.

Coordinated on-the-job business experience in information systems. Gives students an opportunity to participate actively in daily business activities related to the IS major.

Attributes: LE-I1 Integration, Undergraduate/Graduate Offering, Internship, Special Course Fee Required
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits

IS 450 Distributed Systems Development (3 crs)
Prerequisite: IS 314 or equivalent; IS 344 and IS 345 or concurrent; or consent of instructor.

- This course requires access to a laptop computer which can be brought to class when required.

A study of the content, theory, and methodology of distributed systems application development. Specifically, the course covers n-tier and web-based development.

Attributes: Undergraduate/Graduate Offering
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

IS 455 Project Management (3 crs)
Prerequisite: IS 304 and IS 310. Minimum junior standing.

- This course requires access to a laptop computer which can be brought to class when required.

Focus on information systems projects: methodology selection, initiating, planning, executing, control and closing. Issues of time, scope, cost, quality and risk are investigated. Writing and software development skills are enhanced.

Attributes: Undergraduate/Graduate Offering, Special Course Fee Required
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

IS 460 Seminar in Information Systems (3 crs)
Prerequisite: IS 344 and IS 345. Limited to IS majors.

- This course requires access to a laptop computer which can be brought to class when required. Limited to graduating seniors.

In-depth study of current IS topics and discussion of current IS issues and trends. Includes integrated communication component and team-based information systems development project.

Attributes: Undergraduate/Graduate Offering, Capstone Course, Special Course Fee Required
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0
**IS 475 Electronic Business (3 crs)**  
Prerequisite: IS 310/IS 510.  
• This course requires access to a laptop computer which can be brought to class when required.

Basics of electronic commerce, on the Internet, electronic data interchange, electronic funds transfer, etc. Students will address current applications for a wide range of businesses.

Attributes: Undergraduate/Graduate Offering  
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

**IS 491 Selected Topics (1-3 crs)**  
Prerequisite: Minimum junior standing.

Selected topics in information systems. Small groups will study topics selected because of a special interest in them on the part of students or faculty.

Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits  
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 1-3  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

**IS 495 Directed Studies (1-3 crs)**  
Prerequisite: Limited to IS majors. Minimum junior standing.  
Consent: Department Consent Required

Internship-type experiences in business situations relevant to the student's major field of study, under supervision of a faculty member.

**IS 499 Independent Study - Seniors (1-3 crs)**  
Consent: Department Consent Required

• Enrollment form available in IS department office.

Repeat: Course may be repeated

**IS 504 Fundamentals of Business Programming (3 crs)**  
Prerequisite: Limited to MBA students.  
• Cross-listed with IS 304. Credit may not be earned in both courses. This course requires access to a laptop computer which can be brought to class when required.

Fundamental skills and knowledge for programming business applications including interface design, writing documentation, and using debugging tools. Procedural programming structures and design considerations and interface object use are presented in a state-of-the-art integrated development environment.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option  
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

**IS 510 Systems Analysis and Design (3 crs)**  
Prerequisite: Limited to MBA students.  
• Cross-listed with IS 310. Credit may not be earned in both courses. This course requires access to a laptop computer which can be brought to class when required.

Introduces theory and practice of systems analysis and design. Topics include determining business requirements, documenting organizational processes, analyzing information flows, reengineering/designing information systems, and managing projects. Team project required.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option  
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

**IS 514 Business Software Engineering (3 crs)**  
Prerequisite: IS 304/IS 504; IS 310/IS 510 or concurrent enrollment; or consent of instructor. Limited to MBA students.  
• Cross-listed with IS 314. Credit may not be earned in both courses. This course requires access to a laptop computer which can be brought to class when required.

Develops object-oriented programming skills to the intermediate level. Develops techniques of data access, input, output, and processing in a business environment using programming tools. Utilizes beginning SQL programming techniques and a state-of-the-art integrated development environment.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option  
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

**IS 524 Object-Oriented Systems (3 crs)**  
Prerequisite: IS 304/IS 504 and IS 310/IS 510. Limited to MBA students.  
• Cross-listed with IS 324. Credit may not be earned in both courses. This course requires access to a laptop computer which can be brought to class when required.

An introduction to Object-Oriented Analysis, Design and Implementation language and concepts. Iterative methodologies are described. Design patterns and tiered architectures are investigated. An object-oriented system is used to illustrate the concepts.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option  
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0
IS 544 Database Management Systems (3 crs)
Prerequisite: IS 304/IS 504 and IS 310/IS 510. Limited to MBA students.
  • Cross-listed with IS 344. Credit may not be earned in both courses. This course
    requires access to a laptop computer which can be brought to class when
    required.

Study of physical and logical design and structure of relational databases;
overview of SQL; hands-on experience with client/server database
management software. Group project required.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

IS 545 Networking with Client Operating Systems (3 crs)
Prerequisite: IS 304/IS 504; IS 310/IS 510 or concurrent enrollment. Limited to
MBA students.
  • Cross-listed with IS 345. Credit may not be earned in both courses. This course
    requires access to a laptop computer which can be brought to class when
    required.

Study of enterprise networking from a client operating system perspective.
Theory and practice of topics such as networking models, domains, Active
Director, domain client, desktop/user profiles, resource sharing, authentication,
and network security.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

IS 546 Information Assurance (3 crs)
Prerequisite: IS 310/IS 510 or ACCT 430/ACCT 630. Limited to MBA students.
  • Cross-listed with IS 365. Credit may not be earned in both courses. This course
    requires access to a laptop computer which can be brought to class when
    required.

Conceptual frameworks for information assurance: asset valuation, security
threats, risk assessment, policy development, policy implementation, controls,
business continuity planning, and disaster recovery. Communication and
analytical skills are enhanced through a case-based approach.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

IS 575 Server-based Networking & Security (3 crs)
Prerequisite: IS 304/IS 504 and IS 345/IS 545. Limited to MBA students.
  • Cross-listed with IS 375. Credit may not be earned in both courses. This course
    requires access to a laptop computer which can be brought to class when
    required.

Study of enterprise networking from a server operating system perspective.
Theory and practice of topics such as domain creation, Active Directory
management and delegation, scripting, security policies, roaming profiles,
access permissions, and security auditing.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

IS 610 Network and Data Security (3 crs)
Prerequisite: IS 304/IS 504 and IS 345/IS 545. Limited to MBA students.
  • Cross-listed with IS 410. Credit may not be earned in both courses. This course
    requires access to a laptop computer which can be brought to class when
    required.

Addresses hardware and software fundamentals of network security including
access control security, information security, and security planning and
development. Develops students’ working knowledge of available methods
and tools for enhancing enterprise data and network security.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

IS 620 Internship in Information Systems (1-3 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to MBA students.
Consent: Department Consent Required
  • Cross-listed with IS 420. Full-time equivalent. IS 310/IS 510, IS 344/IS 544, and
    IS 345/IS 545 are recommended prior to enrollment in this course. Internship
    enrollment form available in IS department office.

Coordinated on-the-job business experience in information systems. Gives
students an opportunity to participate actively in daily business applications
related to IS major.

Attributes: Internship, Special Course Fee Required
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
IS 650 Distributed Systems Development (3 crs)
Prerequisite: IS 314/IS 514 or equivalent; IS 344/IS 544 and IS 345/IS 545 or concurrent or equivalent; or consent of instructor. Limited to MBA students.
• Cross-listed with IS 450. Credit may not be earned in both courses. This course requires access to a laptop computer which can be brought to class when required.

A study of the content, theory, and methodology of distributed systems application development. Specifically, the course covers n-tier and web-based development.
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

IS 655 Project Management (3 crs)
Prerequisite: IS 304/IS 504 and IS 310/IS 510 or equivalent. Limited to MBA students.
• Cross-listed with IS 455. Credit may not be earned in both courses. This course requires access to a laptop computer which can be brought to class when required.

Focus on information systems projects: methodology selection, initiating, planning, executing, control and closing. Issues of time, scope, cost, quality and risk are investigated. Writing and software development skills are enhanced.
Attributes: Special Course Fee Required
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

IS 660 Seminar in Information Systems (3 crs)
Prerequisite: IS 344/IS 544 and IS 345/IS 545 or equivalent. Limited to MBA students.
• Cross-listed with IS 460. Credit may not be earned in both courses. This course requires access to a laptop computer which can be brought to class when required.

In-depth study of current IS topics and discussion of current IS issues and trends. Includes integrated communication component and team-based information systems development project.
Attributes: Capstone Course
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

IS 675 Electronic Business (3 crs)
• Cross-listed with IS 475. Credit may not be earned in both courses. This course requires access to a laptop computer which can be brought to class when required.

Basics of electronic commerce on the Internet, electronic data interchange, electronic funds transfer, etc. Students will address current applications for a wide range of businesses.
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

IS 740 Managing Information Technology Foundation (2 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to MBA students.
• No credit if taken after IS 240. Not for MBA degree credit.

Study of the managerial process used when working with information and information systems. Specific attention is given to the principles of systems development and underlying concepts.
Attributes: Higher Cost Per Credit
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 2
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

IS 797 Independent Study (1-3 crs)
Consent: Department Consent Required
Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option