

INFORMATION SYSTEMS, M.S.

With a Master of Science in Information Systems offered through Saint Louis University's School for Professional Studies, you'll gain the skills in software development, analytics, evidence-based decision-making, ethics and leadership needed to provide technical expertise and strategic decision-making as an information systems professional.

Along the way, you'll learn from a network of diverse peers from around the world, merging technology with human and organizational structures as you engage in knowledge discovery, management and dissemination of industry-critical knowledge.

You can also earn a graduate certificate that complements a master's degree, often without taking additional credits, allowing you to tailor the program to your specific interests.

As part of the School for Professional Studies, this 33-credit master's program offers data-driven professionals like you a flexible option to meet your career goals. With multiple start terms, you can begin the master's program in the fall or spring. You will join a community of academics and practitioners from a wide range of subjects and professional backgrounds, providing the opportunity to learn from a network of peers.

The 100% online program offers flexible courses in eight-week terms, making advanced education more accessible for working professionals.

The on-campus version of this program, created so that international students can meet their visa requirements, is also offered in flexible terms.

Faculty

As a student in the School for Professional Studies at Saint Louis University, you'll learn from exceptional faculty who are leading experts in their fields. They bring real-world knowledge to the classroom and are dedicated to your professional success. Learn more about the SPS faculty (<https://www.slu.edu/professional-studies/contact-us/faculty/>).

Careers

SLU's Master of Science in Information Science can prepare you for high-level jobs in technology, managing information system installations and leading information technology departments in large companies.

Tuition

| Tuition | Total Program Cost |
|--|--------------------|
| On-Ground MS Analytics, MS Cybersecurity, MS Information Systems, Master of Professional Studies, MS Project Management | \$42,000 |

| Tuition | Cost Per Credit |
|--|-----------------|
| Online Graduate Degrees and Post-Baccalaureate Certificates | \$790 |

Additional charges may apply. Other resources are listed below:

Net Price Calculator (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/tuition-and-costs/calculator.php>)

Information on Tuition and Fees (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition/>)

Miscellaneous Fees (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/fees/>)

Information on Summer Tuition (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition-summer/>)

Scholarships and Financial Aid

For priority consideration for graduate assistantship, apply by Feb. 1.

For more information, visit the Office of Student Financial Services (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/>).

Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to apply program-specific knowledge to address practical problems using an ethical, evidence-based framework.
2. Graduates will be able to utilize argumentation skills appropriate for a given problem or context.
3. Graduates will be able to analyze business problems and implement information technology assets that support the goals of the organization.
4. Graduates will be able to generate (develop) the strategic vision and direction for an information systems organization.

Requirements

Admission Requirements

- Completed application
- Undergraduate degree (most successful applicants have an undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 or better)
- Official transcript from a degree-granting institution
- Statement of purpose (about 500 words)
- Resume or curriculum vitae
- External reference recommendations (encouraged but not required)

Upon admission, a new online student* must successfully complete a virtual meeting with their academic coach to be enrolled in first-term coursework.

* This is for 100% online students only. International on-campus graduate students will meet their academic coach at on-campus orientation.

Requirements for International Students

All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students, along with the following:

- Applicants must demonstrate English language proficiency. Some examples of demonstrated English language proficiency include minimum score requirements for the following standardized tests:
 - Paper-based TOEFL: 550
 - Internet-based TOEFL: 80
 - IELTS: 6.5
 - PTE: 54

• Academic records, in English translation, of students who have undertaken post-secondary studies outside the United States must include the courses taken and/or lectures attended, practical laboratory work, the maximum and minimum grades attainable, the grades earned or the results of all end-of-term examinations, and any honors or degrees received. WES and ECE transcripts are accepted.

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Program Requirements

| Code | Title | Credits |
|--|---|-----------|
| Required SPS Graduate Courses | | |
| AA 5221 | Applied Analytics & Methods I * | 3 |
| ORLD 5050 | Ethical, Evidence-Based Decision Making | 3 |
| Foundation Courses | | |
| AA 5050 | Programming & Problem Solving | 3 |
| AA 5100 | Information Retrieval † | 3 |
| IS 5000 | Enterprise Architecture and Systems Infrastructure | 3 |
| IS 5500 | Advanced Software Development | 3 |
| IS 5600 | Mobile and Web Application Development | 3 |
| Electives or Post-Baccalaureate Certificate 9 | | |
| Three courses, 9 credits, of electives can be taken from the following courses or as part of one of the following PBCs | | |
| AA 5200 | Visualization, Feedback and Dissemination | |
| CYBR 5240 | Cloud Security | |
| IS 5700 | Information Systems Consulting | |
| IS 5100 | Information Systems Strategy and Management | |
| IS 5400 | Managing a Secure Enterprise | |
| IS 5800 | Cloud Computing | |
| IS 5850 | Advanced Cloud Computing Architectures and Applications | |
| Cloud Computing, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate (https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/professional-studies/cloud-computing-pbc/) | | |
| Information Systems Consulting, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate (https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/professional-studies/information-systems-consulting-pbc/) | | |
| Master's Project 3 | | |
| IS 5960 | Masters Research Project | |
| Total Credits | | 33 |

† Former computer science students may substitute CSCI 5030 Principles of Software Development (3 cr) for IS 5200 and former health data sciences students may substitute HDS 5210 Programming for Health Data Scientists (3 cr) for IS 5200 Software Development (3 cr)

‡ Former computer science students may substitute CSCI 5710 Databases (3 cr) for AA 5100 Information Retrieval (3 cr) and former business students may substitute ITM 6550 Big Data in Organizations (3 cr) for AA 5100 Information Retrieval (3 cr)

§ Former business students may substitute ITM 6000 Managing Information Technology (3 cr) for IS 5100 Information Systems Strategy and Management (3 cr)

* Former business students may substitute OPM 5020 Applied Business Statistics (3 cr) for AA 5221 Applied Analytics & Methods I (3 cr)

Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in all graduate/professional courses.

Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

Fall Entry

| Course | Title | Credits |
|----------------------|--|-----------|
| Year One | | |
| Fall | | |
| Fall 1 | | |
| IS 5000 | Enterprise Architecture and Systems Infrastructure | 3 |
| Fall 2 | | |
| AA 5100 | Information Retrieval | 3 |
| Credits | | 6 |
| Spring | | |
| Spring 1 | | |
| IS 5500 | Advanced Software Development | 3 |
| AA 5221 | Applied Analytics & Methods I | 3 |
| Spring 2 | | |
| IS 5600 | Mobile and Web Application Development | 3 |
| ORLD 5050 | Ethical, Evidence-Based Decision Making | 3 |
| Credits | | 12 |
| Summer | | |
| Elective | | |
| Credits | | 3 |
| Year Two | | |
| Fall | | |
| Fall 1 | | |
| Elective | | |
| AA 5050 | Programming & Problem Solving | 3 |
| Fall 2 | | |
| Elective | | |
| Credits | | 9 |
| Spring | | |
| Spring 1 | | |
| IS 5960 | Masters Research Project | 3 |
| Credits | | 3 |
| Total Credits | | 33 |

Spring Entry

| Course | Title | Credits |
|----------------------|--|-----------|
| Year One | | |
| Spring | | |
| Spring 1 | | |
| IS 5000 | Enterprise Architecture and Systems Infrastructure | 3 |
| AA 5050 | Programming & Problem Solving | 3 |
| Spring 2 | | |
| IS 5100 | Information Systems Strategy and Management | 3 |
| Credits | | 9 |
| Summer | | |
| Elective | | 3 |
| Credits | | 3 |
| Fall | | |
| Fall 1 | | |
| IS 5500 | Advanced Software Development | 3 |
| AA 5221 | Applied Analytics & Methods I | 3 |
| Fall 2 | | |
| IS 5600 | Mobile and Web Application Development | 3 |
| ORLD 5050 | Ethical, Evidence-Based Decision Making | 3 |
| Credits | | 12 |
| Year Two | | |
| Spring | | |
| Spring 1 | | |
| Elective | | 3 |
| Spring 2 | | |
| Elective | | 3 |
| Credits | | 6 |
| Summer | | |
| IS 5960 | Masters Research Project | 3 |
| Credits | | 3 |
| Total Credits | | 33 |