The UAB Collat School of Business, Master of Science in Management Information Systems (MS MIS) program focuses on the business side of information systems and how to strategically position technology to maximize value for an organization. This program provides the broad perspective needed to advance in the information systems management field, and allow students to tailor their education based on specific career goals by focusing in one of two areas: Cyber Security Management or IT Management. UAB's emphasis is on the managerial aspects of information systems, and although the program does provide opportunities for skill development in the latest technologies, the goal of the program is to help those currently working in information systems related fields move into managerial positions by improving understanding of how to use the latest information technologies to benefit organizational stakeholders, such as managers, organizations, employees, customers and partners.

The Management of Information Systems field is growing at an exponential rate as organizations struggle to stay current with new and emerging technologies, such as mobile applications, social media, and business analytics. Professionals are needed that can help organizations understand the business potential of these new technologies, how to develop new applications to meet changing market dynamics, and how to secure these systems from threats. Students graduating from this program are prepared to succeed in an exciting and dynamic career field combining a solid technical information system foundation with business skills so they can immediately contribute to solving business problems, and can drill down into specific fields, such as IT management, web and mobile development or information security.

**Program Details**

The MS MIS program is taught completely online. Most students can complete degree requirements within 1.6 years (1 year for full-time students). Concentrations are available in Cyber Security Management and IT Management. Each concentration consists of twelve semester hours. The Collat School of Business is accredited by AACSB—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. (http://www.aacsb.edu/accreditation/accredited-members)

**Master of Science in Management Information Systems -
Concentration in Cyber Security Management**

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**Concentration Course Requirements**

| IS 620 | Cyber Attacks and Threat Mitigation | 3 |
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| IS 633 | Information Security Management | 3 |
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**Total Hours: 30**

Students have a maximum of 3 years to complete degree requirements. Certain professional certifications are eligible for transfer credit upon Program Director approval. Students must be in current good standing and provide proof of completed continuing education requirements if certification is scheduled to expire with the calendar year. No more than 6 semester hours may be credited using certifications.

1. Security+ earned through CompTIA, or Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) earned through ISC2 may satisfy this course requirement.
2. Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) earned through ISACA may satisfy this course requirement.
3. Project Management Professional earned through PMI may satisfy this course requirement.

**Courses**

**IS 599. Directed Readings. 1-3 Hour.**

Readings and independent study in selected areas.

**IS 607. Introduction to Cyber Security. 3 Hours.**

This course serves as an introduction to the field of cyber security where students will develop a basic understanding of the cyber security principles. Students will be able to understand the business value of cyber security and its legal / ethical considerations. Students will also gain an appreciation for security planning and risk management and how risk may be mitigated through technical, physical, and administrative controls.
IS 611. Information Technology and Business Strategy. 3 Hours.
This course is designed to improve your understanding of business strategy and the information technology that supports and shapes it. Information technology spans all business functions. We will study both the challenges and the opportunities that are the result of this pervasiveness.

IS 612. IT Governance and Management. 3 Hours.
This course introduces the concept of IT governance and will expose students to various IT governance frameworks. Particular focus will be given to the IT Governance Institute's COBIT framework, ITIL and ISO standards. Students will have an advanced understanding of the various IT governance frameworks, their application in an organizational setting and the managerial issues associated with different governance structures.

IS 613. Information Security Management. 3 Hours.
Primary objectives of the course are for the student to develop an understanding of key information security concepts, develop an understanding of how people, technology, and organizational policies should be developed and managed to safeguard an organization's information resources, learn how to manage under uncertainty and risk, develop policies and procedures to make information systems secure, and learn how to audit and recover from security breaches.

IS 615. Soc Media/Virtual Communities. 3 Hours.
This course focuses on how social media and virtual communities are changing business in fundamental ways. The course helps students gain practical facility in the use of social media tools and learn meta-skills like how to use new social media tools, how to use filters to make sense of social media, and how to curate news and reports in a manner that contributes to business knowledge and intellect.

IS 616. Web Analytics. 3 Hours.
The Web Analytics course introduces technologies and tools used to realize the full potential of web sites. Focus is on collection and use of web data such as web traffic and visitor information to design web sites that will enable firms to acquire, convert, and retain customers.

IS 617. Data Science for Business. 3 Hours.
This course is an introduction to the emerging field of data science for business. It explains how useful information and knowledge can be extracted from large volume of data and represented as various models to improve business decision making.

IS 618. IT Project Management. 3 Hours.
The course provides the foundation for the management and successful execution of projects of many types applying PMBOK, or the PMI Project Management Body of Knowledge. The objective is to provide students with an understanding of how to manage technology-oriented projects. A combination of skill development in the general area of project management and application of those skills in evaluating case studies involving technology projects will be used.

IS 620. Cyber Attacks and Threat Mitigation. 3 Hours.
Covers the concepts of network vulnerabilities from a hacker's perspective. Addresses the latest cutting edge attacks and common attacks still prevalent. Students will explore legal issues associated with computer network attacks. The course also provides students with the knowledge they need to design, build, and operate network systems to prevent, detect, and respond to attacks.

IS 621. Incident Response and Business Continuity. 3 Hours.
This course provides students with the knowledge necessary to prepare for and respond to computer security incidents. Topics include incident response preparation, detection, reaction, recovery, and maintenance. Computer-related disaster recovery and business continuity planning are also addressed.

IS 622. CISSP I. 3 Hours.
The goal of the CISSP I course is to prepare the professional for the challenging security exam CISSP by covering the syllabus as defined in the Common Body of Knowledge (CBK). The CISSP I course covers the first 5 CISSP domain areas.

IS 623. CISSP II. 3 Hours.
The goal of the CISSP II course is to prepare professionals for the challenging security exam CISSP by covering the syllabus as defined in the Common Body of Knowledge (CBK). The CISSP II course covers the second 5 CISSP domain areas.

IS 630. Web Development. 3 Hours.
In this course, we will discuss concepts, principles, and methods related to the design and implementation of web applications. We will also build basic understanding and technical skills of both client and server technologies.

IS 631. Web Interface Design/Content. 3 Hours.
This course provides an introduction to the study of human-computer interaction, user interface design, and content creation. Course readings focus on developing both a strong theoretical understanding of the field and practical user interface design skills, and creating compelling content. Students will work on several design projects, including paper designs and implemented prototypes. Students will also participate as usability experts in evaluating the designs of others.

IS 632. Mobile Applications. 3 Hours.
In this course, we will discuss concepts, principles, and methods related to the design and implementation of mobile applications. Emphasis is placed on developing web content and creating applications for mobile devices, including Internet/business practices and techniques for delivery on mobile platforms.

IS 640. Technology Planning and Capital Budgeting. 3 Hours.
This course will cover financial techniques and metrics that IT managers should be familiar with, including topics such as measuring returns on IT investments, categories of IT investments, defining and quantifying expected benefits, managing the IT investment portfolio, and budgeting for IT expenditures.

IS 641. Leadership in IT. 3 Hours.
The Leadership in IT course will prepare students for leadership roles in IT related careers. The course will provide students with the knowledge, skills, and foundation in Leadership necessary to be effective in organizational settings, and develop an understanding of the components that make leadership successful.

IS 644. Digital Forensics. 3 Hours.
This course focuses on how organizations conduct digital forensics investigations due to intrusion or cyber crime. This course explores how organizations identify, track, and potential aide in the prosecution of cyber criminals. Students will gain an appreciation for how to conduct digital investigations, preserve evidence, understand the role of law enforcement, and intellectual property concerns associated with cyber crime.
IS 690. Current Topics in Information Systems. 3 Hours.
A study of selected current developments in information systems emphasizing development and managerial implications. Permission of instructor required.