



UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-ST LOUIS

Graduate Program Profile Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Business Administration/ Emphasis in Information Systems

DEGREE PROGRAM

Coursework: 27 credit hours of Business & Research Foundation courses, nine hours in a Support Field in business administration; 30 hours of required courses in Information Systems (IS), and six hours of electives in IS.

Comprehensive Examination: Taken in information systems and in a supporting field of the student's choice. Timing of the exam depends on the student's academic background.

Dissertation: Minimum of six credit hours; requires a proposal and an oral defense.

Other Requirements: Teaching at least two courses and presenting or publishing a scholarly paper are required of all students. Please see the program website for all requirements.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

<http://www.umsl.edu/~phdis/index.html>

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Application
<http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/graduate/prospective/applying.html>
2. Three letters of recommendation
Letters that address academic potential must be provided by individuals who can accurately assess it such as previous instructors, professors, etc. At least two letters should be from individuals with earned doctorates
3. Official transcripts from all universities attended
Successful applicants must have completed at least a baccalaureate degree before beginning the program.
4. Entrance examinations
 - a) Acceptable official scores on Graduate Management Admission Test (<http://www.mba.com/mba/TaketheGMAT>) or Graduate Record Examination (<http://www.gre.org/ttindex.html>).
 - b) International students are required to document English proficiency (<http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/graduate/prospective/international.html>).
5. Grade Point Average
Minimum of 3.0 on 4.0 scale. Decisions will be based on applicant's academic performance in courses related to IS and business.
6. Statement of purpose
One or two page rationale for pursuing the Ph.D. in Business/IS.
7. Prior employment
Career commitment will be considered in the admission decision.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Program starts only in the Fall Semester. Few positions are open each year so applicants are urged to apply before February 1, when review of applications begins.

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APPLICATION FEE

\$35 (\$40 for international students)

ASSISTANTSHIPS

Assistantships are currently funded at \$18,000 annually (with a potential \$2000 performance-based award) and a tuition scholarship covering educational fees. Applications for assistantships are sent to the Director of Graduate Studies.

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