

College of Business Administration

ACCOUNTING

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The Department of Accounting through the Liataud Graduate School of Business offers work leading to the Master of Science in Accounting degree and participates with the MBA Program in the MBA/MS in Accounting joint degree program.

Admission Requirements

Applicants are considered on an individual basis. Transcripts for all undergraduate and any graduate work must be submitted to the Liataud Graduate School of Business Program Office. In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, applicants must meet the following program requirements:

Master of Science

- **Baccalaureate Field** No restrictions.
- **Grade Point Average** At least 3.00/4.00 for the final 60 semester (90 quarter) hours of undergraduate study. Applicants possessing a master's degree in business or an equivalent degree from a program accredited by the AACSB-International must have maintained a grade point average of at least 3.00/4.00 in that program.
- **Tests Required** GMAT; minimum score of 500.
- **Minimum TOEFL Score** 570 (paper-based); 230 (computer-based); 80, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21 (new Internet-based TOEFL).
- **Letters of Recommendation** Two required.
- **Personal Statement** Required.
- **Resume** Required.
- **Deadlines** The application deadline for this program is the Graduate College deadline.

MBA/MS in Accounting

Applicants to the joint degree program must satisfy the admission requirements of both the MBA and MS programs.

Degree Requirements

In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, students must meet the following program requirements:

Master of Science

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 32.
- **Course Work** Degree candidates must present a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.00/4.00 for all 400- and 500-level courses.
- **Required Courses:** (5 courses, 20 hours) selected from the following. At least two courses must be from those marked with *: ACTG 516*, 525*, 585*, 593*, 417, 446, 456, 465, 475, 484, 509, 515, 535, 545, 570.
- **Background and Breadth Courses** (11 courses, 44 hours): All MS in Accounting students must also complete the following 11 courses (up to 8 of these courses can be waived based on completion of prior satisfactory equivalent study): 3 Business Electives; ACTG 435, 474, 500, 502, 503, 506, 508; IDS 570. At least 5 of the courses must be at the 500-level.
- **Comprehensive Examination** None.
- **Thesis, Project, or Course-Work-Only Options** Course work only. No other options are available.

MBA/MS in Accounting

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 68.
- **Course Work** Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.00/4.00 for all course work.
- **Required Courses** (20 courses, 44 hours): ACTG 515 and 593; 3 electives from ACTG 417, 446, 456, 465*, 475, 484*, 509, 516*, 525*, 535*, 545*, 585 (with at least one marked *); ACTG 500; ECON 520; FIN 500; IDS 532; MGMT 541; MKTG 500; a 3-course concentration within the MBA program, excluding accounting; and one 500-level business course from a department other than accounting and the MBA concentration field.
- **Accounting Background Courses** (5 courses): ACTG 435, 502, 503, 506, 508.
- Any of the accounting background courses can be waived with prior credit and ACTG 500 can be waived with a competency examination. However, a minimum of 68 hours must be completed by taking additional accounting or business electives. No more than two 400-level courses can be counted toward the MS portion of the degree.
- **Comprehensive Examination** None.
- **Thesis, Project, or Course-Work-Only Options** Course work only. No other options are available.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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Director of PhD Program: Abigail McWilliams

The doctoral program is designed to produce scholars and practitioners who are well qualified to conduct creative and significant research in business disciplines. Currently three areas of inquiry are available: Business Statistics, Human Resource Management, and Marketing. Students will either select one of these areas or pursue unique interests in a course of study that is custom designed by business school faculty.

Admission Requirements

Admission is competitive. The Doctoral Studies Programs Office has its own application packets and procedures; all application materials, including transcripts and fees, must be submitted directly to this office. Transcripts for all undergraduate and any graduate work must be submitted in a signed, sealed envelope. In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, applicants must meet the following program requirements:

Doctor of Philosophy

- **Baccalaureate Field** No restrictions. Prior academic work should include mathematics/statistics, computing/analysis, and business.
- **Grade Point Average** At least 2.75/4.00 for the final 60 semester (90 quarter) hours of undergraduate study.
- **Tests Required** GMAT or GRE. The score must be from a test administered within five years from the requested date of entry. The writing assessment is required.
- **Minimum TOEFL Score** 600 (paper-based); 250 (computer-based); 80, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21 (new Internet-based TOEFL).
- **Letters of Recommendation** Three required from persons familiar with the intellectual skills, perseverance, and integrity of the applicant. At least one recommendation should be from an academic familiar with the applicant's work.
- **Personal Statement** Required; 500 words. The statement should address the applicant's interests and qualifications, including research interests and the impact this work is expected to have on the applicant's career.
- **Other Requirements** Interview with the faculty in the field of the degree, the PhD coordinator, the director of doctoral studies, or the department head is advised. Students are admitted only in the fall semester.
- **Deadlines** The application deadline for this program is earlier than the Graduate College deadline; contact the College of Business Administration's Doctoral Studies Programs Office in the Liautaud Graduate School of Business for information on current deadlines.

Degree Requirements

Doctor of Philosophy

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 96 from the baccalaureate, 64 from the MBA.
- **Course Work** Study will include a two-course requirement in mathematics, statistics, or computing; a four-course breadth requirement (four MBA core courses, no 2 of which are from the same functional area and none of which is from the area of inquiry); and a six-course depth requirement (advanced courses, at least two of which are sufficiently rigorous to provide the basis for the qualifying exam). Following the qualifying exam,

additional course requirements are determined by the student's advisor.

- **Examinations** *Qualifying Examination*: A written exam, based upon courses used for the student's depth requirement, is required and will be administered by faculty in the student's area of inquiry.
- *Preliminary Examination*: A written and/or oral exam, addressing advanced material in the area of inquiry and/or the student's plans for dissertation research, is required.
- **Dissertation** A dissertation demonstrating the ability to conduct original, scholarly research is required. No more than 32 hours of doctoral thesis research can be applied to the degree.
- **Other Requirements** Students must serve as a teaching assistant or research assistant. This requirement may be waived for students with appropriate teaching or research experience.

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

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The Department of Information and Decision Sciences through the Liautaud Graduate School of Business offers graduate programs leading to the Master of Science in Management Information Systems, an MBA/MS in MIS joint degree, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Management Information Systems. All programs are taught by nationally renowned faculty and are accredited by AACSB-International. The MS in MIS is an advanced degree in the application of information technology to solve business problems. The program is designed to train future CIOs, project managers, and technology leaders. A student in the program may specialize in managerial, technical, or a combination of the two areas. Some of the leading-edge topics that will be covered in the program include business process design, technology-enabled innovation, data warehousing, data mining, Web services, enterprise application platforms, corporate IT management, information systems security, project and vendor management, and business continuity.

The program is designed for professionals and students (a) in information systems who would like to gain advanced knowledge of the business use of information technology; and (b) in other business functions such as marketing, finance, and accounting who would like to use information systems effectively. The program is flexible and suitable for students with experience or education in information systems, business administration, computer science, engineering, healthcare, or other disciplines. A student may enroll full time or part time. A full-time student with adequate foundation can complete the program in a year. The MS degree is also offered jointly with the MBA.

The program leading to the PhD in Management Information Systems focuses on an interdisciplinary business understanding of how technology can affect an organization's behavior, structure, and function, and on the effective use, control, and management of information and computer systems. Both the technical aspects and organizational impact of information management are assessed. A faculty on the cutting edge of modern MIS practices ensures dynamic research and teaching possibilities in this field.

Admission Requirements

Applicants are considered on an individual basis. In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, applicants must meet the following program requirements:

Master of Science

- **Baccalaureate Field** Individuals from all baccalaureate fields are encouraged to apply. The exact course requirements will be determined based on an individual's baccalaureate field and work experience. All applicants must have had the following background course work: mathematics through the level of calculus covering integration and differentiation, and statistics through regression analysis.
- **Grade Point Average** At least 3.00/4.00 for the final 60 semester hours (90 quarter hours) of undergraduate studies. Applicants with a master's degree must have maintained a GPA of at least 3.00/4.00 in that program.
- **Tests Required** GMAT or GRE taken within five years of entry into the program.
- **Minimum TOEFL Score** 585 (paper-based); 239 (computer-based); 80, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21 (new Internet-based TOEFL).
- **Letters of Recommendation** Two required.
- **Personal Statement** Required.

MBA/MS in Management Information Systems

Applicants to the joint degree program must apply and be accepted to both the MBA and MS in MIS programs and must satisfy the admission requirements independently for both programs. Students already enrolled in the MBA program must apply to the joint degree program before completing more than 32 semester hours of study in the MBA program.

Doctor of Philosophy^a

- **Baccalaureate Field** No restrictions. Prior academic work should include mathematics/statistics, computing/analysis, and business.
- **Grade Point Average** At least 2.75/4.00 for the final 60 semester (90 quarter) hours of undergraduate study.
- **Tests Required** GMAT or GRE. The score must be from a test administered within five years from the requested date of entry. The writing assessment is required.
- **Minimum TOEFL Score** 600 (paper-based); 250 (computer-based); 80, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21 (new Internet-based TOEFL).
- **Letters of Recommendation** Three required from persons familiar with the intellectual skills, perseverance, and integrity of the applicant. At least one recommendation should be from an academic familiar with the applicant's work.
- **Personal Statement** Required; 500 words; the statement should address the applicant's interests and qualifications, including research interests and the

impact this work is expected to have on the applicant's career. A specific statement format is available in the application packet.

- **Other Requirements** All applicants must have had mathematics through the level of calculus covering integration and differentiation, and statistics through regression. Students are admitted only in the fall semester. No part-time program is available.
- **Deadlines** The application deadline for this program is earlier than the Graduate College deadline; contact the Liautaud Graduate School of Business Doctoral Studies Programs Office for information on current deadlines.

^aAdmission to the PhD program is competitive. Application packets and procedures are different for the PhD in MIS and must be submitted to the LGSB Office. All application materials, including transcripts and fees, must be submitted directly to this office. Transcripts for all undergraduate and any graduate work must be submitted in a signed, sealed envelope.

Degree Requirements

In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, students must meet the following program requirements:

Master of Science

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 32.
- **Course Work** No more than two 400-level courses can be counted towards the degree.
- **Required Courses:** Core Knowledge (0–12 hours)—IDS 517, 520, and 521. Each course may be substituted by an elective course if the student has equivalent prior course work or work experience.
- **Capstone Project Experience** (4 hours)—IDS 507, 508, or 596. To be taken only after the completion of at least two Core Knowledge courses.
- **IS Management** (4 hours)—IDS 514, 515, or 523.
- **Technical Prerequisites** (0–12 hours)—IDS 401, 405, and 410. Each course may be waived based on equivalent prior course work or appropriate work experience in the technical area. These courses will not count towards the minimum degree requirement of 32 hours.
- **Business Prerequisites** (0–12 hours)—Two introductory courses in any two functional areas of business: operations management, IDS 355 or 532; accounting, ACTG 110, 111, or 500; finance, FIN 300 or 500; marketing, MKTG 360 or 500; or management, MGMT 340 or 541. Each course may be waived based on equivalent prior course work or appropriate work experience in the functional area. These courses will not count towards the minimum degree requirement of 32 hours.
- **Electives:** Three to five courses chosen with the approval of the director of graduate studies. Courses from other departments and colleges may be taken as electives with his or her approval. These courses may be chosen so as to fit career tracks in IS Consulting, Auditing and Forensics, Corporate IS Management, Supply Chain and Service Operations, Business Analytics, Enterprise Applications or IS operations.
- **Comprehensive Examination** None.
- **Thesis, Project, or Course-Work-Only Options** Course work only. No other options are available.

MBA/MS in Management Information Systems

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 70.
- **Course Work** All requirements of both the MBA degree and the MS in MIS must be satisfied. At most 4 courses may be counted toward the requirements of both degrees. The MBA Core courses will fulfill the Business Prerequisites of the MS in MIS program. Technical prerequisites may not be used to satisfy any part of the eight-course requirement for the MS in MIS part of the joint program. No more than two 400-level courses can be counted toward the MS in MIS portion of the degree.
- **MBA Required Courses:** Core Courses (24 hours)—ACTG 500, ECON 520, FIN 500, IDS 532, MGMT 541, and MKTG 500.
- **MBA Electives:** 16 hours of 500-level courses from at least two departments within the College of Business Administration.
- **MS in MIS Required Courses:** Core Knowledge (0–12 hours)—IDS 517, 520, and 521. Each course may be substituted by an elective course if the student has equivalent prior course work or experience.
- **Capstone Project Experience** (4 hours)—IDS 507, 508, or 596. To be taken only after the completion of at least two Core Knowledge courses.
- **IS Management** (4 hours)—IDS 514, 515, or 523.
- **Technical Prerequisites** (0–12 hours)—IDS 401, 405, and 410. Each course may be waived based on equivalent prior course work or appropriate work experience in the technical area. These courses will not count towards the MS in MIS degree requirement of 32 hours. However, these or their equivalent courses may be counted towards a concentration or specialization in the MBA program.
- **Business Prerequisites** (0 hours)—This requirement will be fulfilled by the MBA core courses.
- **Electives:** Three to five courses chosen with the approval of the director of graduate studies. Courses from other departments and colleges may be taken as electives with his or her approval. These courses may be chosen so as to fit career tracks in IS Consulting, Auditing and Forensics, Corporate IS Management, Supply Chain and Service Operations, Business Analytics, Enterprise Applications or IS operations.
- **Comprehensive Examination** None.
- **Thesis, Project, or Course-Work-Only Options** Course work only. No other options are available.

Doctor of Philosophy

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 96 from the baccalaureate, 64 from MBA, MS in MIS, MSA, or a business-related master's degree; including between 24 and 32 hours of dissertation research.
- **Course Work** *Breadth Requirement:* Two introductory courses in any two functional areas of business (for example, IDS 532; ACTG 500; ECON 520, 521; FIN 500; MKTG 500; or MGMT 541). These courses will not count toward the 64-semester-hour requirement for entrants with a master's degree.

- **Technical Requirement:** IDS 401, 405, and 410. Each course may be waived based on equivalent prior course work or appropriate work experience in the technical area. These courses will not count towards the 64-semester-hour requirement for entrants with a master's degree.
- **Basic Competency:** IDS 517, 520, and 521. Each course may be waived based on equivalent prior course work or appropriate work experience in the technical area.
- **MIS Specialization:** Minimum of 6 courses (24 semester hours), including two IDS Research Seminars (IDS 529), three specialized courses in areas of individual interest, IS research topics (IDS 525), and additional courses in consultation with the director of the PhD program.
- **Research Methods:** 3–4 courses (12–16 semester hours), including statistical methods in research, behavioral research methods overview, quantitative methods in research, and additional courses to be decided in consultation with the director of the PhD program.
- **Examinations** *Annual Evaluation:* An evaluation will be held at the end of the spring semester each year that the student is in the program. The evaluation will be conducted by a “student committee,” which will include the PhD director as the chairperson, the student's mentor, and the entire IDS faculty who taught the student during that year. The committee will administer a written exam each year until the student passes the preliminary examination; it will determine the type and scope of the exam.
- **Preliminary Examination:** A written and/or oral exam, addressing advanced material in the area of inquiry and/or the student's plans for dissertation research, is required.
- **Dissertation** A dissertation demonstrating the ability to conduct original, scholarly research is required. No more than 32 hours of doctoral thesis research can be applied to the degree.
- **Other Requirements** Students must serve as a teaching assistant or research assistant. This requirement may be waived for students with appropriate teaching or research experience.

REAL ESTATE

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Director of Graduate Studies: John F. McDonald

The Master of Arts in Real Estate program at the University of Illinois at Chicago Liautaud Graduate School of Business combines economics, finance, and urban planning to provide students with a full perspective of the field of real estate. The program takes advantage of UIC's location by emphasizing urban real estate markets and by using metropolitan Chicago as a working laboratory. The program is intended for professionals working in either the private or public sectors that are concerned with real estate and real estate development issues. Students will learn the

basic principles of economics, finance, urban planning, and urban land use law that are needed to gain fundamental knowledge of the operation of urban real estate markets, methods of real estate finance, and systems used to plan and regulate urban real estate development. The purpose of the program is to turn students into educated professionals in the field of urban real estate.

Admission Requirements

All applications are considered on an individual basis. Transcripts for all undergraduate and any graduate work must be submitted. In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, applicants must meet the following requirements:

Master of Arts

- **Baccalaureate Field** No restrictions.
- **Grade Point Average** At least 3.00/4.00 for the final 60 semester (90 quarter) hours of undergraduate study.
- **Tests Required** GMAT or GRE. The score must be from a test that was administered within five years of the requested date of entry. The writing assessment is required.
- **Minimum TOEFL Score** 585 (paper-based); 239 (computer-based); 80, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21 (new Internet-based TOEFL).
- **Letters of Recommendation** Two required.
- **Personal Statement** Required.
- **Other Requirements** Fall or spring admission. The formal prerequisites for admission to the program are a basic background in mathematics and business statistics, which can be fulfilled by completing the online minicourse, Review of Basic Mathematics and Statistics for MBA Students <http://phd.cba.uic.edu/MathTutorial/Start.html>. Students should also have completed a basic course in accounting. Mastery of basic accounting may be demonstrated by taking a waiver exam or taking ACTG 500 upon arrival.

Degree Requirements

The MA in Real Estate is offered by the College of Business Administration in collaboration with the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs. Students in the program can choose a concentration in either Business or Urban Planning. Students can pursue the degree on either a full-time or part-time basis.

Master of Arts

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 36.
- **Course Work** Degree candidates must present a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.00/4.00 for all course work, including background (foundation) courses.
- **Required Courses** (28 hours): ECON 520, ECON 571, ECON/FIN 472, FIN 500, UPP 501, UPP 553, MBA 590.
- **Areas of Concentration** (8 hours): Students must declare either a Business or Urban Planning concentration.
- **Business Concentration** (2 courses from the following)—ECON 475, 534, 572, 575; FIN 510.
- **Urban Planning Concentration** (2 courses from the following)—UPP 508, 530, 533, 542, 557.
- **Comprehensive Examination** None.
- **Thesis, Project or Course-Work-Only Options** Course work only. No other options are available.

PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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The Liautaud Graduate School of Business offers a Master of Business Administration with concentrations in Accounting, Economics, Entrepreneurship, Finance, International Business, Marketing, Management, Management Information Systems, Real Estate, and a Self-Directed option. The program is 54 credits in length composed of 24 credits of core courses (Financial Accounting, Corporate Finance, Marketing, Microeconomics, Operations Management, and Organizational Behavior) and 30 credits of electives. Twelve credits of the elective course work are taken to fulfill the concentration requirement.

- Most courses meet once per week from 6:00–8:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. All of the core courses are offered online and some elective courses are offered on Saturday mornings.
- The program may be pursued on a part-time or full-time basis. Part-time students register for one or two courses per semester and complete the program in three to four years; full-time student complete the program in approximately two years.
- Ten concentration offerings including a self-directed option that allows students to customized their plan of study to reflect specific career goals.
- Six joint degree offerings including: MBA/MS in Accounting, MBA/MA in Economics, MBA/MS in Management Information Systems, MBA/Doctor of Medicine, MBA/MS in Nursing, and MBA/Master of Public Health.

The Master of Business Administration at UIC is considered a professional program and is not administered by the Graduate College. For more information on the MBA program, admission requirements, and the application process, please consult the following Web site: <http://www.mba.uic.edu>.