

The PhD in Business Administration with a major in ISDS is designed to provide advanced and comprehensive academic training for those who wish to pursue careers at a research university. This program seeks to develop a complete professional faculty with a broad managerial perspective by providing students with training in research methodology, knowledge of the current information technology, and knowledge of how they are applied in business as well as training for teaching at an institution of higher education.

E. J. Ourso College of Business ISDS PhD Program

Research collaborations leverage the diverse research interests and expertise of our faculty in domains as varied as medical informatics, information technology (IT) outsourcing, data mining, quantitative modeling, privacy/ethics, global e-business, the strategic use of technology, and traffic safety. These collaborative research efforts have resulted in major grant funding received from the National Science Foundation and the State of Louisiana.

Admission Requirements

All applicants are required to take the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) and score at least 600 prior to consideration for admission. The decision is based primarily on the student's academic records, recommendation letters, and their GMAT score. Students who have graduated from non-U.S. schools must make a minimum of 550 on the TOEFL exam and must possess a superior academic record in their home country. Applicants should have an MBA or an undergraduate degree in business with at least a concentration in ISDS. Ideally the candidate would also have an MS in ISDS.

Curriculum

Each doctoral program in the E. J. Ourso College is individually tailored to the student as a function of previous graduate course work and career objectives. Programs are designed to ensure theoretical and methodological training in the student's chosen discipline but are sufficiently flexible to provide a range of major and minor field options. Doctoral study is fulfilled in a variety of ways, primarily through course work, independent reading, and dissertation research. Informal "brown bag" seminars, visiting faculty colloquia, and participation in professional conferences and symposia are utilized as well. Doctoral students are expected to work closely with one another and the college's graduate faculty and are encouraged to collaborate on research projects.

Although specific course work requirements vary from student to student, all doctoral students must satisfy the following curriculum requirements:

- Major and minor field of concentration
- Supporting field of concentration
- Breadth of study in Business Administration and Economics
- Research methodology
- At least 60 hours of course work and dissertation credit beyond the baccalaureate

Note that no graduate course work may be substituted using undergraduate courses.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is the intended audience for the PhD program?

Individuals who seek positions as faculty in research oriented institutions.

Assuming I go full-time, what is the estimated time to complete the degree?

The time to complete varies but is typically four years for those having an MBA.

Is financial assistance available?

If accepted, almost all students receive between \$10,000-15,000 in assistantships.

What do I have to do for my assistantship?

Students may initially start out as graduate assistants and eventually be given teaching responsibilities. Assignments are 20 hours per week.



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