Information Systems (ISYS)

Courses

ISYS 1120. Computer Competency Requirement. 0 Hours.
Students entering the Walton College are expected to possess basic competencies in MS Windows, Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. The requirement is expected to be completed in an 8-week session. Deficiencies may be remedied through appropriate self-paced, computer-based instruction and/or alternative courses. Prerequisite: Students must earn a pre-assessment score of 70 or higher and department consent.

ISYS 1123. Business Application Knowledge - Computer Competency. 3 Hours.
An introduction to computer literacy using information business application software: email/Internet; word processing; spreadsheets; presentation; database; collaborative/groupware; and integration of computer applications. Introduces the student to computer Concepts and Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Windows, and PowerPoint) to manage finances, work with formulas, charts and graphics, and the development of professional worksheets and presentations. Students learn business computing through appropriate self-paced, computer-based instruction. Non-degree credit for business students; may be used to fulfill ISYS 1120 degree requirement if student earns a grade of C or better.

ISYS 2103. Business Information Systems. 3 Hours.
This course presents the fundamentals of business information systems (IS) topics essential to today's business graduate. Applied areas of business will be used to provide the context for the IS topics, business applications, and management challenges. The broad objective of this course is to present students with a business and information systems framework that will allow them to envision how business decisions are enabled and empowered by information systems and technology. Corequisite: MGMT 2053 or ACCT 2023. Prerequisite: WCOB 1033 with a grade of C or better and (ISYS 1120 or (ISYS 1123 with a grade of C or better)).

ISYS 2103H. Honors Business Information Systems. 3 Hours.
This course presents the fundamentals of business information systems (IS) topics essential to today's business graduate. Applied areas of business will be used to provide the context for the IS topics, business applications, and management challenges. The broad objective of this course is to present students with a business and information systems framework that will allow them to envision how business decisions are enabled and empowered by information systems and technology. Corequisite: MGMT 2053 or ACCT 2023. Prerequisite: WCOB 1033 with a grade of C or better and (ISYS 1120 or (ISYS 1123 with a grade of C or better)). This course is equivalent to ISYS 2103.

ISYS 2263. Principles of Information Systems. 3 Hours.
This course presents the fundamental concepts used in developing information systems. It provides a framework for students to use throughout their software development coursework. Also includes management of information systems concepts. This course requires extensive use of computer systems. Prerequisite: ACCT 2013 or WCOB 1023 and MATH 2053 each with a grade of C or better.

ISYS 3293. Systems Analysis and Design. 3 Hours.
Practice and application of one structured analysis methodology; development of structured analysis specification; exposure to other methodologies; quality assurance and walkthroughs; survey of real systems and their components. Prerequisite: ISYS 2263 or CSCE 2014 with a grade of C or better.

ISYS 3393. Business Application Development Fundamentals. 3 Hours.
Principles of design and development of windows and web applications using cutting edge visual development tools. The programming language will be a modern language used widely in industry, and the focus will be on its use in client-server, web, and/or mobile applications. Pre- or Corequisite: ISYS 3293. Prerequisite: ISYS 2263 or CSCE 2014 with a grade of "C" or better.

ISYS 4003H. Honors Information Systems Colloquium. 3 Hours.
Explores events, concepts and/or new developments in the field of Computer Information Systems and Quantitative Analysis. Prerequisite: Senior standing.

ISYS 4193. Business Analytics and Visualization. 3 Hours.
Introductory study of business analytics, visualization, and systems to provide analytics-based information derived from data within and/or external to the organization. Business analytics used to support management in the decision making. Application of tools in business analytics, problem solving, visualization, and decision making. Prerequisite: WCOB 1033 with a grade of C or better.

ISYS 4213. ERP Fundamentals. 3 Hours.
An introduction to enterprise resource planning systems. Students should gain an understanding of the scope of these integrated systems that reach across organizational boundaries and can change how a company does business. Implementation issues are covered, including the importance of change management. Prerequisite: (WCOB 2023 or ISYS 2103) and (ACCT 2013 with a grade of C or better) or CSCE 2004 each with a grade of C or better.

ISYS 4223. ERP Configuration and Implementation. 3 Hours.
The process of configuring and implementing an enterprise resource planning system. Business process analysis and integration. Students will develop a company and set up several modules in SAP R/3 for use. Develop understanding of how the business processes work and integrate. Prerequisite: ISYS 4213 with a grade of "C" or better.

ISYS 4233. Seminar in ERP Development. 3 Hours.
ERP administration and system development practices. Advanced system support issues related to Enterprise Resource Planning systems that are used in global organizations. Basic ABAP programming. In addition, students will learn how to provide basic systems administration support of the operating system, database, and application systems software levels or ERP systems. Pre- or Corequisite: ISYS 4223 with a grade of "C" or better.

ISYS 4243. Current Topics in Computer Information. 3 Hours.
Intensive investigation of selected developments in computer information systems hardware, software, and organization having current impact on computer information systems design and application. Offering an extension of lower-level CIS courses through individual student research and faculty team-teaching of advanced topics. Topical selection made with each course offering. Prerequisite: Junior standing. May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

ISYS 4283. Business Database Systems. 3 Hours.
Introduces student to centralized information system design and implementation for business applications. In-depth study of logical systems modeling; physical file management; and software requirements. Pre- or Corequisite: ISYS 3393. Prerequisite: ISYS 3293 with a grade of C or better.

ISYS 4293. Business Intelligence. 3 Hours.
Business intelligence focuses on creating, developing and storing information and knowledge from internal and external sources to better support business decisions. We will consider techniques from machine learning, data mining, and information retrieval to extract useful knowledge from data, which could be used for business intelligence, personalization or user profiling. Prerequisite: ISYS 4193 with a grade of "C" or better.

ISYS 4363. Business Project Development. 3 Hours.
Review of fundamentals of application processing systems design and development; implementation of such a system by class. Prerequisite: ISYS 3393 and ISYS 4283 each with a grade of C or better.
ISYS 4373. Application Development with Java. 3 Hours.
This course covers object-oriented programming concepts and illustrates them via an appropriate object-oriented programming language. Students will be exposed to the design of software objects, creation of software objects, and the use of objects in constructing an information system. Prerequisite: ISYS 3293 with a grade of C or better.

ISYS 4393. Seminar in Applied Business Analytics. 3 Hours.
Application of business analytics, business intelligence, data mining, and data visualization to business problem solving. Business Analytics techniques using current and relevant software are applied to current business problems for presentation to management. Pre- or Corequisite: ISYS 4293.

ISYS 4453. Introduction to Enterprise Servers. 3 Hours.
The focus of this course is to expose students to working with large scale mainframe computer systems. Mainframe computers are the heart of large company’s transaction processing systems. This course provides the opportunity for students to gain valuable insight into computing in a mainframe operating environment. Prerequisite: ISYS 2263 or CSCE 2014 with a grade of "C" or better.

ISYS 4463. Enterprise Transaction Systems. 3 Hours.
Being able to accurately capture and store business transactions is an important processing function in many businesses. For many large companies with high volume processing, the tools of choice for transaction processing are CICS/Cobol/DB2. This course provides students with the necessary understanding and skills to work in this type environment. Prerequisite: ISYS 2263 or CSCE 2014 or ISYS 4453 with a grade of "C" or better.

ISYS 450V. Independent Study. 1-3 Hour.
Permits students on individual basis to explore selected topics in data processing and/or Quantitative Analysis.

ISYS 5103. Data Analytics Fundamentals. 3 Hours.
Fundamental knowledge and skills in several major areas of business data analytics. Emphasis on the management and use of data in modern organizations, intermediate & advanced spreadsheet topics; relational databases & SQL; and programming (such as Python). Prerequisite: MIS Director approval.

ISYS 511V. IT Toolkit & Skills Seminar. 1-3 Hour.
Seminar in Information Systems solutions and concepts (such as applications development, VB.NET, analysis of problems and design of solutions via application systems, etc.) designed for students entering the MIS program—may not be used for MIS degree credit. Prerequisite: MIS Director approval. May be repeated for up to 3 hours of degree credit.

ISYS 5133. E Business Development and Analytics. 3 Hours.
This course explores various e-business development technologies and then utilizes the technologies for developing a relatively realistic business-to-consumer (B2C) e-business site. Students will also learn about Business to Business (B2B) strategies, market exchanges, XML and XML Web services applications. Simple XML Web services will also be created. Prerequisite: ISYS 511V.

ISYS 516V. Independent Study. 1-3 Hour.
(Formerly ISYS 450V.) Permits students on individual basis to explore selected topics in data processing and/or Quantitative Analysis. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both ISYS 450V and ISYS 516V.

ISYS 5203. Experimental Design. 3 Hours.
ANOVA, experimental design, introduction to basis of statistics. Prerequisite: Graduate standing and WCOB 1033 or equivalent.

ISYS 5213. ERP Fundamentals. 3 Hours.
An introduction to enterprise resource planning systems. Students should gain an understanding of the scope of these integrated systems that reach across organizational boundaries and can change how a company does business. Implementation issues are covered, including the importance of change management. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

ISYS 5223. ERP Configuration and Implementation. 3 Hours.
The process of configuring and implementing an enterprise resource planning system. Business process analysis and integration. Students will develop a company and set up several modules in SAP for use. Develop understanding of how the business processes work and integrate. Prerequisite: ISYS 5213 or equivalent.

ISYS 5233. Seminar in ERP Development. 3 Hours.
ERP administration and system development practices. Advanced system support issues related to Enterprise Resource Planning systems that are used in global organizations. Basic ABAP programming. In addition, students will learn how to provide basic systems administration support of the operating system, database, and application systems software levels of ERP systems. Pre- or Corequisite: ISYS 5223. Prerequisite: ISYS 5213. May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

ISYS 5243. Current Topics in Computer Information. 3 Hours.
(Formerly ISYS 4243.) Intensive investigation of selected developments in computer information systems hardware, software, and organization having current impact on computer information systems design and application. Offering an extension of lower-level CIS courses through individual student research and faculty teaching of advanced topics. Topical selection made with each course offering. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both ISYS 4243 and ISYS 5243. May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

ISYS 535V. Internship Experience. 1-6 Hour.
This course allows a student to experience an internship within a business and benefit from the work experience. The internship focuses on applications and business problems and is supervised by a faculty member as well as a member of the company/firm. Prerequisite: MIS Director approval is required. May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

ISYS 5363. Business Analytics. 3 Hours.
This course in managerial business analytics provides future managers with the key concepts of decision modeling and information technology management concepts. Students will learn to utilize real time operational business data, as well as quickly process and effectively leverage information. In addition, students will exercise strategic IT deployment skills for supply chain and marketing processes as well as develop strong decision modeling abilities.

ISYS 5373. Application Development with Java. 3 Hours.
(Formerly ISYS 4373.) This course covers object-oriented programming concepts and illustrates them via an appropriate object-oriented programming language. Students will be exposed to the design of software objects, creation of software objects, and the use of objects in constructing an information system. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both ISYS 4373 and ISYS 5373. Prerequisite: ISYS 3293 with a grade of C or better.

ISYS 5403. Quantitative Methods and Decision Making. 3 Hours.
Utilization of information, quantitative techniques, and computer application in decision making and problem solving for managers. This course is cross-listed with SCMT 5133.

ISYS 5423. Seminar in Systems Development. 3 Hours.
Advanced study of structured systems development. Emphasis on strategies and techniques of structured analysis and structured design for producing logical systems specifications and for deriving physical systems designs. Coverage of methodologies for dealing with complexity in the development of information systems. Prerequisite: ISYS 511V.
ISYS 5433. Enterprise Systems. 3 Hours.
Enterprise Systems comprises the entire class of information technology and systems that support the mission of the company including decision support and business processes. This managerial enterprise systems course focuses on strategic issues of information technology. Students study the various elements and integration of an organization’s business processes; as a result, students gain an understanding and working knowledge of systems used to support these business processes and their use in decision making. In addition, students will study concepts and develop skills needed to utilize decision-centric business intelligence and knowledge management applications.

ISYS 5453. Enterprise Data. 3 Hours.
The focus of this course is to expose students to working with large scale mainframe computer systems. Mainframe computers are the heart of large company’s transaction processing systems. This course provides the opportunity for students to gain valuable insight into computing in a mainframe operating environment. Pre- or Corequisite: ISYS 5633.

ISYS 5463. Enterprise Transaction Systems. 3 Hours.
Being able to accurately capture and store business transactions is an important processing function in many businesses. For many large companies with high volume processing, the tools of choice for transaction processing are CICS/Cobol/DB2. This course provides students with the necessary understanding and skills to work in this type environment. Pre- or Corequisite: ISYS 5453 or equivalent or MIS Director approval.

ISYS 5503. Decision Support and Analytics. 3 Hours.
Analysis of the highest level of information support for the manager-user. A study of systems providing analytics-based information derived from databases within and/or external to the organization and used to support management in the decision making. Application of tools in business analytics, problem solving, and decision making. Prerequisite: MIS Director approval.

ISYS 5603. Analytics and Visualization. 3 Hours.
This course focuses on how to discern and tell your story visually using data based on traditional graphical data representation as well as the latest data and information technologies. Coverage includes both visualization theory and hands-on exercises using appropriate computing tools. The course will also include visualization of predictive, clustering, and association models. The opportunities and challenges of Big Data visualization will be explored. Prerequisite: (ISYS 5503) or (ISYS 5133 and departmental consent).

ISYS 5613. Business Applications of Nonparametric Techniques. 3 Hours.
Consideration of business and economic research related to sampling and experimental design, testing of hypothesis, and using nonparametric tests. Prerequisite: ISYS 5203 or equivalent.

ISYS 5623. Multivariate Analysis. 3 Hours.
Principal component analysis, regression analyses. Prerequisite: ISYS 5203.

ISYS 5713. Seminar in IS Topics. 3 Hours.
Intensive seminar in selected information systems topics. Topical selection made with each course offering. Prerequisite: ISYS 511V or MIS Director approval. May be repeated for up to 9 hours of degree credit.

ISYS 5723. Advanced Multivariate Analysis. 3 Hours.
Factor analysis and other advanced techniques. Prerequisite: ISYS 5623.

ISYS 5833. Data Management Systems. 3 Hours.
Investigation and application of advanced database concepts include database administration, database technology, and selection and acquisition of database management systems. Data modeling and system development in a database environment. Prerequisite: ISYS 5103.

ISYS 5843. Seminar in Business Intelligence and Knowledge Management. 3 Hours.
Business intelligence focuses on assessing and creating information and knowledge from internal and external sources to support business decision making process. In this seminar, data mining and information retrieval techniques will be used to extract useful knowledge from data, which could be used for business intelligence, and knowledge management. Pre- or Corequisite: ISYS 5833 or equivalent. Prerequisite: ISYS 5503 or equivalent.

ISYS 5933. Global Technology and Analytics Seminar. 3 Hours.
This course is designed to provide an updated, comprehensive, and rigorous treatment of emerging global topics. Includes, but is not limited to, global study experiences, business insights, and foundational perspectives; examines significant issues from global perspectives. Prerequisite: Graduate standing and MIS Director approval.

ISYS 5943. Management of Information Technology Seminar. 3 Hours.
Presented in a way that allows you to play an active role in the design, use, and management of information technology. Using IT to transform the organization, as competitive strategy, and creating new relationship with other firms is included. Pre- or Corequisite: ISYS 5833. Prerequisite: ISYS 5423.

ISYS 599V. Practicum Seminar. 3-6 Hour.
This course is designed to introduce and engage the student in the practice, application, and problem solving in the business environment. Hands-on application of a business problem. Students will gain experience working on, making decisions about, and developing solutions for business applications. Topics include but not limited to analytics, data, and information technology. Prerequisite: Graduate standing and MIS Director approval. May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

ISYS 601V. Graduate Colloquium. 1-6 Hour.
Presentation and critique of research papers and proposals.

ISYS 6133. Survey of IS Research. 3 Hours.
This is an introductory seminar in information systems research for doctoral students. Its objective is to introduce participants to major streams of IS research and discuss many of the important roles and responsibilities of an IS researcher. Also, this course will play the important role of introducing participants to the research of the current IS faculty.

ISYS 6233. IS Research Projects. 3 Hours.
The students will understand the ideas underlying a scientific contribution; understand the practical challenges in designing and executing a study; Design and execute a study; Write an empirical journal article.

ISYS 6333. Individual-level Research in IS. 3 Hours.
This course aims to expose students to individual-level research in IS. It provides a window into major streams of individual-level research in IS and reference disciplines. May be repeated for up to 18 hours of degree credit.

ISYS 636V. Special Problems. 1-6 Hour.
Independent reading and research under supervision of senior staff member. May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

ISYS 6423. Structural Equation Modeling. 3 Hours.
Structural equation modeling using current tools, such as AMOS. This course is cross-listed with SCMT 6423.

ISYS 6433. Team-level Research in IS. 3 Hours.
This course aims to expose students to team-level research in IS. It provides a window into major streams of team-level research in IS and reference disciplines.
ISYS 6533. Macro- and Meso-level IS Research. 3 Hours.
This course aims to expose students to research at the macro- and meso-levels. For example, it could provide a window into major streams of organizational-level research in IS and reference disciplines. Topics could also include: change management, ERP research models, implementation, applications, and successes/failures, and ERP simulation models. Other topics that fall within the purview of the course are: large-scale technology and process innovations in organizations—e.g., software development process innovations and RFID will be examined at various levels (e.g., organizational).

ISYS 6633. Systems Development. 3 Hours.
The course provides an in-depth study of systems development as an area of research, understanding of the theoretical and conceptual foundations, insight into the current state of the research area, utilizes both IS and reference discipline literature as appropriate, guidance for conducting research projects and producing publishable research, an opportunity to work on cutting-edge research.

ISYS 6733. Emerging Topics. 3 Hours.
Various emerging topics, such as RFID applications and RFID supply chain, ethical decision models, behavioral modeling, piracy and privacy issues, and virtual worlds. May be repeated for up to 15 hours of degree credit.

ISYS 6833. Theory Development. 3 Hours.
To acquire theory development and writing skills, to understand challenges in developing and writing theory sections of papers, and to discuss approaches to writing good empirical journal articles. This course is suited for all social sciences students and is particularly appropriate for students conducting behavioral research in the business disciplines.

ISYS 700V. Doctoral Dissertation. 1-18 Hour.
Doctoral Dissertation. Prerequisite: Candidacy. May be repeated for degree credit.