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The College of Information Science and Technology 2008-2009 Undergraduate Course Descriptions

Information Science & Systems Courses

INFO 101 Introduction to Info Tech

Introduces concepts of information technology and computing. Topics include software, computing devices, the Internet and the Web, organization, storage, and representation of data. Provides hands-on experience with installing a few key IT infrastructure components.

Credits: 0.00 to 3.00

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INFO 102 Intro to Info Systems

Introduces students to major types of information systems and their development and their use in organizations. Emphasizes ways in which information systems can be used to help individuals and organizations meet their goals. Assumes basic knowledge of computing concepts.

Credits: 3.00

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INFO 105 Info Eval, Organization & Use

Introduction to the users of information systems and the information resources that can be accessed through these systems. Users are considered in terms of their information needs, communication and information seeking behavior, and information processing capabilities. Print and electronic information resources are considered in terms of both their content and structure.

Credits: 3.00

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INFO 108 Foundations of Software

Provides students with fundamental concepts about software and software representation. Topics include software and database representation, development environments, and techniques for designing, coding, testing and deploying software systems. Introduces programming concepts and activities using pair programming activities.

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INFO 110 Human-Computer Interaction I

This course introduces the student to the study of computer-based user interfaces. It presents a user-interface layout and design, types and usage of interaction techniques, building a consistent look and feel throughout the interface and how to evaluate designs with users. Centered focus in evaluation of computer interfaces. It teaches the basic principles of user analysis and interface evaluation and gives a practical introduction to ergonomics.

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INFO 120 IST Sem. for Transfer Students

Introduces students to academic and co-curricular aspects of university life. Includes academic functions such as writing, reading, and studying skills and co-curricular functions such as campus resources, activities, and social programs. Aids in the transition to student life and is designed to help each student achieve academic and personal success.

Credits: 2.00

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INFO 140 Information Systems Lab I

Provides hands-on experience with a variety of software products basic to current information systems. Covers products that support personal productivity in organizing, analyzing and presenting information.

Addresses both local processing on personal computers and creation and use of information on the Internet.

Credits: 1.00

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INFO 151 Web Systems & Services I

Introduces technologies used to build leading-edge application systems and services on the World Wide Web. Coverage includes a selection of Web components such as make-up and scripting languages and frameworks for building systems. Introduces Web programming using pair or small team programming activities.

Credits: 0.00 to 3.00

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INFO 152 Web Systems & Services II

Explores techniques used to build leading-edge application systems on the World Wide Web. Topics include Web server components of Web applications, and basic database processing. Includes Web programming using pair or small team programming activities.

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INFO 153 Applied Data Management

Explores technologies used to gather, organize, store, and retrieve data in various forms. Focuses on using databases and other information management components in software systems. Topics include database servers and data management for Web applications.

Credits: 0.00 to 3.00

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INFO 154 Software System Construction

Introduces considerations that make large software systems challenging to design, build, and maintain. Topics include coding

standards and documentation, program architecture, verification, software evolution, and managing large software systems. Includes software modification and development using pair and team programming.

Credits: 0.00 to 3.00

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INFO 200 Systems Analysis I

Study of the principles, practices and tools of information systems analysis and design. Emphasis on learning pragmatic aspects of working as a systems analyst and employing the tools of systems analysis and design.

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INFO 205 Strategic Uses of Info Systems

Familiarizes students with basic business problems and operations and provides an understanding of how information systems can be used to benefit organizations. Also introduces students to the pitfalls of developing and implementing information systems in organizations and helps students improve critical thinking skills. This is a writing intensive course.

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INFO 210 Database Management Systems

Focuses on how to design databases for given problems, and how to use database systems effectively. Topics include database design techniques using the entity-relationship approach, techniques of translating the entity-relationship diagram into a relational schema, relational algebra, commercial query languages, and normalization techniques.

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INFO 215 Soc Aspects Of Info Systems

Introduces social issues involved in information systems design and use, e.g., personal computing, telecommuting, computers in education, the privacy and security of stored and transmitted information, and information ownership. Explores the interaction of high technology, employment, and class structure.

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INFO 300 Information Retrieval Systems

The theoretical underpinnings of information retrieval are covered to give the student a solid base for further work with retrieval systems. Emphasis is given to the process of textual information for machine indexing and retrieval. Aspects of information retrieval covered include document description, query formulation, retrieval algorithms, query matching, and system evaluation.

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INFO 310 Human-Computer Interaction II

Introduces the student to interactive computer system design. Teaches some of the basic approaches to task analysis, design, and evaluation of interactive computer systems. Applies these design principles in the development of the interface to an interactive computer system.

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INFO 320 Server Technology I

Addresses information systems that have server-based architectures. Introduces students to basic concepts of servers and server-based architectures. Discusses dependence on features and capabilities of the underlying operating system. Reviews concepts of operating system, their architectures, and services. Discusses the client-server and various client-server architectures.

Credits: 0.00 to 4.00

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INFO 321 Server Technology II

Presents details of specific server platforms used to provide services to information systems applications. Prepares students to apply server technologies to information systems problems.

Credits: 0.00 to 4.00

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INFO 322 Server Technology III

Continues the study of server platform technologies for information systems applications. Prepares students to apply a wide range of server technologies to information systems problems.

Credits: 0.00 to 4.00

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INFO 324 Team Process & Product

Provides hands-on experience with working in small teams to apply processes and produce products typical of current best practices in computing and information technology organizations. Allows students to develop an integrated understanding of project life cycle phases. Examines issues of team organization and operation, problem solving, and communication.

Credits: 0.00 to 3.00

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INFO 330 Computer Networking Tech I

Presents the fundamentals of data communications and networking technologies. Focuses on the broad foundational coverage of key technologies and key concepts in network planning, design, and management. Major topics include network models, data and voice communications, local-area and wide-area technologies, IP networks and their applications and internetworking emphasizing the Internet.

Credits: 0.00 to 4.00

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INFO 331 Computer Networking Tech II

Focuses on design, construction and use of modern networks and internetworks. Prepares students to successfully create and operate modern secure networks. Major topics include LAN design and construction, internetwork architecture, WAN connectivity, security,

virtual private networks and network operation in real-world environments.

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INFO 333 Intro Information Security

Introduction to information security in modern organizations. Examines what information security is, and what motivates organizations to consider information security as a high priority. Introduces legal, ethical and professional issues, risk management, security planning, security technologies, and security implementation and maintenance.

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INFO 336 Distributed Systems Security

Study of the principles, practices, and techniques to secure distributed applications, information and the infrastructure of distributed information systems. Topics include security planning, policies and models, threats and attacks, and the use and integration of distributed system security mechanisms for confidentiality, authentication, access control, and intrusion detection.

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INFO 340 Prog Internet Info Sys I

This is a hands-on course on programming Internet information systems with an object-oriented programming language, currently Java. The course emphasizes programming practice. It covers fundamental concepts such as object-oriented programming, client-server programming, multi-threaded programming, graphical user interface design, and application development.

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INFO 341 Prog Internet Info Sys II

Continues to develop design and programming skills for the development of Internet information systems. Studies and compares various web servers, applications servers, and different server-side programming languages. Emphasizes issues related to object-oriented design and server-side programming.

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INFO 355 Systems Analysis II

A project-oriented course that discusses software engineering and advanced techniques of requirements modeling, prototyping and software design, particularly utilizing object-oriented techniques. The course builds upon Systems Analysis I, requiring students to apply their knowledge of systems analysis tools and techniques.

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INFO 360 Language Processing

Study of the problems and techniques of processing natural language. Introduces theory of spoken language and how it differs from theories

of computer-generated natural language. Includes language pattern recognition and syntactic inference, and semantic networks.

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INFO 365 Database Administration I

Database Administration is a continuation of Database Management Systems, and includes the following: advanced ERD techniques, database management system internals and advanced elements of the SQL language, as well as stored procedures and triggers, specifically as demonstrated in the Oracle implementation.

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INFO 366 Database Administration II

Introduces the principles and practices of database administration, particularly as they apply to commercial-grade relational database management systems. The course will include, but not be limited to, installation, systems tuning, application tuning, security, user management, backup and recovery. To this end, internals of RDBMSs will be discussed, using major commercial RDBMSs as examples. Distributed database issues will also be discussed. As time permits, other advanced issues will be addressed, such as issues of object and object-relational databases.

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INFO 370 Artificial Intel Info Sys

Introduction to the field of artificial intelligence (AI). Basic concepts, principles, and techniques used to achieve the goals of AI are studied. Examples and applications are specific to information systems.

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INFO 373 Digital Forensics

Provides an introduction to the collection, analysis, presentation, and preservation of digital evidence according to methodologies defined by forensic science to fulfill the needs of the legal and law enforcement communities. Introduces systems understanding as an important tool for digital forensic investigation of crimes that use information technology.

Credits: 3.00

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INFO 375 Intro to Info Sys Assurance

Introduction to the problem of security for modern information systems. Provides an overview of threats, both human and computer, to the security of an organization's data and information resources. Explores how systems may be made less vulnerable and how to respond. Examines issues of personal security in an electronic world.

Credits: 3.00

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INFO 399 Independent Study Requires approval of advisor, supervising faculty member and college. BSIS majors may take a maximum of 6 credits of independent study. Any exception to this maximum must be

approved in advance by the student's advisor. Independent study on a topic selected by the student. Independent study is supervised by a faculty member and guided by a plan of study developed by the student in a term prior to the term in which the independent study is pursued.

Credits: 2.00 to 12.00

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INFO 405 Comptr-Supptd Coop Work

Human and technical issues and concepts of computer-supported cooperative work (CSCW). Topics include the ways that groups work in the networked organization, analysis and design of workflow systems, the technological underpinnings of selected groupware technologies, and the design and implementation of groupware technologies.

Credits: 3.00

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INFO 410 IT Infrastructure

Presents methods for evaluating and selecting information technologies and planning technology implementation. Emphasizes consideration of needs and issues of the organization and individuals served by the technology. Also addresses issues in management of technology after initial installation including service planning, maintenance, and evolution.

Credits: 3.00

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INFO 415 IT Services

Introduces issues in management and delivery of IT services. Addresses needs and approaches to operational support including providing services, help desks, online support, documentation, and user training. Examines approaches to defining, measuring, and analyzing service and support quality.

Credits: 3.00

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INFO 420 Software Project Management

The objective of this course is to study project management in the context of software systems development. The course will cover the processes, contexts, metrics, planning and management concerns of managing projects for modern software systems. This is a writing intensive course.

Credits: 3.00

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INFO 424 Team Project Practicum

Provides hands-on experience with software systems development in a controlled environment. Student work in small teams to create a software product selected by the instructor. Activities include requirements specification, test specification, design, and software construction. Allows students to develop an integrated understanding of software life-cycle phases.

Credits: 3.00

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INFO 425 Design Problem I This course is an independent project in which student teams design and implement information systems under faculty guidance. Possible projects include (but are not limited to) information technology areas such as databases, web-based systems, collaborative systems, user interfaces, and expert systems. This is a writing intensive course.

Credits: 3.00

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INFO 426 Design Problem II This course is a continuation of INFO 425. This is a writing intensive course.

Credits: 3.00

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INFO 435 Information Services

Examines electronic services that deliver "published" information to an organization from external sources. Relates these services to functions such as planning, marketing, and research. Shows ways of monitoring the organization's larger environments, such as the economy, government, competitors, and new technologies. This course introduces students to the core concepts of information services as they apply to the essential techniques for retrieving, analyzing, organizing and presenting information. The skills learned in this course are transferable to any information seeking activity whether it is in a large research and development lab, or a small start-up company. The overall goal of this course is that upon completion, each student can produce a systematic and accurate method for recovering, analyzing, and disseminating needed information in any setting.

Credits: 3.00

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INFO 450 Expert Consultant Systems

Introduces the basic concepts, techniques, and tools involved in the development of information systems based on human expertise. The course discusses the identification of expert system projects, knowledge acquisition, architectures of expert systems, inference, database and procedural considerations, verification and validation of expert systems. Provides hands-on experience in developing expert systems using an expert system programming language.

Credits: 3.00

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INFO 480 Special Topics in Info Systems

Selected topics of interest to students in information systems. May be repeated for credit if topic varies.

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