BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, MASTER OF (M.B.A.) [EXECUTIVE]/INFORMATION SYSTEMS, MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.S.) WITH A CONCENTRATION IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT [EXECUTIVE] [DUAL DEGREE]

Program accreditation
Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (http://www.aacsb.edu/)

Program goal
Executive M.B.A.
VCU's School of Business Executive M.B.A. program provides experienced managers in Virginia and surrounding states with the knowledge and skills needed to solve real-world business problems in today's complex global environment. The Executive M.B.A. program accomplishes this purpose by using a curriculum with an integrated, modular, team-oriented, interdisciplinary approach that constantly challenges students to apply knowledge and skills to new and unfamiliar situations by using a conceptual understanding of relevant business disciplines.

M.S. in Information Systems
The Master of Science in Information Systems program is designed to prepare students for specialized roles in information systems. The program is intended to provide a graduate-level, technically oriented curriculum that focuses on the design and development of information systems to solve real-world problems. The department's curriculum is focused on the rapidly emerging area known as enterprise information systems. Challenges students to apply knowledge and skills to new and unfamiliar situations by using a conceptual understanding of relevant business disciplines.

Student learning outcomes
Executive M.B.A.
1. Demonstrate the capacity from an executive perspective to integrate knowledge-specific information to different business disciplines in helping teams to solve business problems in new and unfamiliar circumstances
2. Demonstrate communication knowledge and skills in both technical and interpersonal areas
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the ethical and social responsibility of business organizations in the U.S. and in other parts of the world
4. Demonstrate analytic skills using new and unfamiliar data sets

M.S. in Information Systems
Graduates should be able to:
1. Communicate and network effectively within their professions and organizations; serve the profession by applying this knowledge broadly; and maintain key technical expertise in order to sustain required levels of competitiveness
2. Understand information technology as it applies to business contexts and effectively apply this technology in specific circumstances
3. Develop efficient and effective IS solutions using appropriate technologies that can deliver competitive advantages to organizations
4. Develop and incorporate changes in the planning and management of IS resources based on an increased understanding of the dynamic changes in the organization, IS and global environments

VCU Graduate Bulletin, VCU Graduate School and general academic policies and regulations for all graduate students in all graduate programs
The VCU Graduate Bulletin website documents the official admission and academic rules and regulations that govern graduate education for all graduate programs at the university. These policies are established by the graduate faculty of the university through their elected representatives to the University Graduate Council.

It is the responsibility of all graduate students, both on- and off-campus, to be familiar with the VCU Graduate Bulletin as well as the Graduate School website and academic regulations in individual school and department publications and on program websites. However, in all cases, the official policies and procedures of the University Graduate Council, as published on the VCU Graduate Bulletin and Graduate School websites, take precedence over individual program policies and guidelines.

Visit the academic regulations section for additional information on academic regulations for graduate students.

Degree candidacy requirements
A graduate student admitted to a program or concentration requiring a final research project, work of art, thesis or dissertation, must qualify for continuing master’s or doctoral status according to the degree candidacy requirements of the student’s graduate program. Admission to degree candidacy, if applicable, is a formal statement by the graduate student’s faculty regarding the student's academic achievements and the student’s readiness to proceed to the final research phase of the degree program.

Graduate students and program directors should refer to the following degree candidacy policy as published in the VCU Graduate Bulletin for complete information and instructions.

Visit the academic regulations section for additional information on degree candidacy requirements.

Graduation requirements
As graduate students approach the end of their academic programs and the final semester of matriculation, they must make formal application to graduate. No degrees will be conferred until the application to graduate has been finalized.

Graduate students and program directors should refer to the following graduation requirements as published in the Graduate Bulletin for a complete list of instructions and a graduation checklist.
Visit the academic regulations section for additional information on graduation requirements.

Other information
School of Business policies and procedures for graduate master’s degree students are available on the school’s website.

Apply online at graduate.admissions.vcu.edu (http://www.graduate.admissions.vcu.edu).

Admission requirements

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Admission notes regarding deadline: Students in the Executive M.B.A. program have the option to continue with the Executive M.S. in Information Systems with a concentration in information technology management program after having completed the requirements for the Executive M.B.A. to earn both degrees.

Applicants must meet all general admission requirements of the VCU Graduate School (http://bulletin.vcu.edu/graduate/study/admission-graduate-study/admission-requirements/).

Degree requirements
In addition to VCU Graduate School graduation requirements (http://bulletin.vcu.edu/academic-reg/grad/graduation-info/), students must complete a minimum of 60 hours of graduate course work. Students pursuing this dual degree option will have three courses in the Executive M.S. program waived. These three courses cover the information systems content of the Executive M.B.A. program.

Curriculum requirements

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Information systems courses

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Total graduate credit hours required (minimum) 60

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