

## The MSM Fast Track Information Systems Option

### The Program:

The successful collaboration between the various stakeholders in global software teams is now a necessity. Project management has assumed a key role in determining the success of information technology (IT) based initiatives in this complex and dynamic environment. Most entry to medium level job requirements are now increasingly requiring some level of project management skills. The fast track proposal is designed for students in undergraduate information systems or related programs, who are interested in pursuing graduate work with a project management emphasis. The goal of the program is to prepare students for eventual positions in strategic IT leadership.

### Who Should Apply?

The MSM - Fast track Information Systems option has been designed for students in undergraduate information systems or related programs such as Computer Science who are interested in pursuing graduate work with a project management emphasis. Additional requirements for students wishing to pursue this option include:

- Undergraduate degree in Information Systems (from AACSB accredited institution) or related fields with a Pre-MBA minor
- Undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 with successful course completion in programming, database, and networking (B or better)
- Documented completion of an IS related internship (or other IS work experience) with a letter summarizing project and work scope from supervisor
- Letters of reference from undergraduate program director or faculty
- Undergraduate students who wish to count 6200:554 and 6500:520 toward their graduate degree may take these classes during their senior year and must receive a grade of B or better. These classes must be taken exclusive of students requirements toward the baccalaureate degree.
- Undergraduate degree must be completed at the most two years prior to planned date of program entry

### When should students apply?

**Undergraduate students who wish to be considered for the Fast track MSM should** contact graduate school or Dr. Ravi Krovi ([krovi@uakron.edu](mailto:krovi@uakron.edu)) towards the end of their Junior year. More information about the program may be obtained at:

<http://www.uakron.edu/cba/infosys>

**Program Requirements:**

Students in the MSM Fast track program will complete 30 credits of graduate coursework to fulfill the requirements for the master's degree. To ensure that there is no duplication from the undergraduate programs, the graduate coursework has been carefully selected to give them marketable skills. The Fast track program is comprised of required classes in Management, Information Systems and elective choices. As part of a practicum requirement, students will have to complete a Study Abroad program or an internship. Students who are in the program will be considered for funding opportunities such as graduate assistantships and scholarships.

**Management Core Courses (9 credits)**

6500:640 Information Systems and IT Governance	3
6500:663 Data Analysis for Managers	3
6500:675 Supply Chain Management	3

**Information Systems Core (12 credits)**

6500:643 Analysis and Design of Business Systems	3
6500:645 Software Development and Quality Assurance	3
6500:646 Enterprise Systems Implementation	3
6500:678 Project Management	3

**Practicum (3 credits) Choose one from the following:**

6500:690 Selected Topics in Management (Study Abroad)	3
6700:695 Internship	3

**Electives (6 credits)**

6500:520 Management of Data Networks	3
6500:554 Information System Security	3
6500:644 Knowledge Management and Business Intelligence	3
6500:652 Organizational Behavior	3
or	
6500:6xx Any Management course	3