

# MSIS

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS



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# Master of Science in Information Systems

## International Application Quick Guide



## Basic Program Information

- Credit hours: 30
- International students attend full-time - 3 semesters - 12 months
  - 10 credit hours per semester
- Co-requisite: IS 4410 (Introduction to Information Systems)
- Program Areas of Emphasis
  - Business Intelligence and Analytics
  - Software and Systems Architecture
  - Product and Process Management
  - IT Security
- MS Degree - to fulfill the science requirement, a capstone project is required. Students do not complete a thesis.



## International Student Profile – Fall 2017

- International Students: 56%
- International male vs. female:
  - 51% M / 49% F
- Average Age: 27
- Countries Represented:
  - India
  - United States
  - China
  - Ghana
  - Egypt
  - Brazil
  - Nepal
- Average work experience: 41 months
- Undergraduate Majors:
  - Electronics & Telecommunication
  - Computer Science/Engineering
  - Information Systems/Technology
  - Engineering
  - Business
  - Economics
- Sample of Universities Represented: Anna University, Calicut University, Cochin University, Jawaharlal Nehru Tech, Jaypee Institute of Information Technology, Pune University, University of Colombo, Universidad Francisco, University of Mumbai, Wisconsin International University, Xavier Institution, University of Utah, and Brigham Young University



## Application Requirements

- Online Application and Fee (\$65)
- GMAT/GRE score
- 3.0 minimum GPA/unofficial transcripts
- 4-year bachelor degree from an accredited institution (or exception for 3-year degree)
- Two letters of recommendation
- 2 Essays - your statement of purpose written and introduction video
- Resume
- Language Proficiency Exam - TOEFL (85) or IELTS (6.5)



## GMAT and GRE

- GMAT or GRE is accepted
- There is no minimum score required. Competitive applicants will meet or exceed program averages.
  - GMAT average: 570-590
  - GRE average: 309-312
- It takes an average of 4 weeks for the University to receive your official scores. Official scores must be received by the deadline in order for applications to be considered.
- Use the following codes to send test scores:
  - GRE: 4853
  - GMAT: K0R-S3-36 (there is a zero after the K; not an O)



## Transcripts and GPA

- Unofficial transcripts from ALL of the undergraduate institutions you attended must be attached to your online application
- Full marksheets are required. Uploading only a consolidated marksheet may cause a delay in admissions processing.
  - For help with uploading and file size issues, please contact [mastersinfo@eccles.utah.edu](mailto:mastersinfo@eccles.utah.edu).
- 3.0 minimum GPA requirement (or 3.0 for last 60 credit hours)
- Use online resources to convert a GPA to 4.0 scale:
  - <http://www.wes.org/students/igpacalc.asp>
- The University will convert your GPA to a 4.0 scale for official consideration once your application is submitted



## Letters of Recommendation

- Two recommendations are required and additional letters will not be reviewed.
- Recommendations must be submitted through online application system.
- Letters cannot be accepted through the mail.
- Professional or academic relationships recommended – if you have been working 1+ years, professional strongly recommended
- We strongly suggest recommenders use their professional email address and company/institution letterhead if possible.



## English Language Proficiency

- We accept only official TOEFL or IELTS scores
- TOEFL Minimum Score: 85 IBT
  - Use code 4853
- IELTS Minimum Score: 6.5
- It takes an average of 4 weeks for the University to receive your official scores. Official scores must be received by the deadline in order for applications to be considered.
- The English Language Proficiency scores listed above are the MSIS program minimum required scores. These are different than the University of Utah required minimums.





## How do I know if I am eligible for a TOEFL or IELTS waiver?

([http://admissions.utah.edu/international/graduate/grad\\_english\\_proficiency.php](http://admissions.utah.edu/international/graduate/grad_english_proficiency.php))

- Receive a **bachelor's degree at a U.S. institution or from an institution in a country listed below:**
  - Australia, Canada (except Quebec), Ireland, New Zealand, South Africa, United Kingdom, and some Caribbean countries may qualify upon request to be reviewed
- If an applicant meets one of the requirements and then leaves the country for two or more years, the waiver is void with the exception of applicants from the list of approved countries.
- Permanent residents who have had their PR card for 5 or more years do not need to submit a TOEFL score.

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## Application Deadlines

### Summer 2018

Priority Deadline: November 17, 2017

Final Deadline: January 12, 2018

\*Admissions scholarships are not available for students starting in summer.

### Fall 2018

Priority Deadline: February 2, 2018

Final Deadline: March 30, 2018

Priority Scholarship Deadline: February 2, 2018

Final Scholarship Deadline: March 30, 2018

In order to meet application deadlines, your online application must be submitted with your unofficial transcripts, resume and essays (2). Official GRE/GMAT and TOEFL/IELTS scores as well as both letters of recommendation must be received by the stated deadlines.



## Application Deadlines - Exceptions

Some international applicants may qualify for an extended application deadline.

- International applicants currently living in Utah who meet one of the following criteria may be eligible for an extended international deadline:
  - Do not require an I-20 or F-1 visa
  - Would require an I-20 transfer from another institution in Utah but already have an F-1 visa
  - Would require an I-20 change of education level from the University of Utah but already have an F-1 visa
- International applicants requesting an extended deadline must also complete an in-person interview and meet the minimum TOEFL requirement (85).
- Please contact [mastersinfo@eccles.utah.edu](mailto:mastersinfo@eccles.utah.edu) to determine if you are eligible for an extended deadline.



## Non-Resident Tuition and Fees

- Approximate non-resident tuition for students starting in 2017-2018 is \$45,500.
  - Tuition is for the entire 30-credit hour MSIS program
  - This does not include any co-requisites
  - Tuition estimate includes fees but not books or living expenses
  - Tuition is subject to change at any time
  - All students are charged resident tuition rates during summer semester regardless of actual residency status



## Scholarships and Funding

- Merit based admissions scholarships are awarded based on availability of funds.
- Scholarships are highly competitive.
- To be eligible to apply for scholarships, students must be admitted, must complete the MSIS application by the scholarship deadline and have a minimum 550 GMAT score.
- Students are only eligible to apply for scholarships in the semester they are applying to.
- In fall 2017, 35% of students received some type of scholarship or tuition reduction.
- International applicants are eligible for awards up to \$15,000 applied directly to your tuition account over 2 semesters (excluding summer semesters).
- To be eligible to accept a scholarship, students must enroll in a minimum of 9 credit hours per semester.
- Scholarships do not apply to summer semesters, as all students pay resident tuition rates during summer.



## What Happens After You Are Admitted?

- Pay seat fee to hold your spot (\$300)
  - Seat fee includes overnight delivery of official admission documents and I-20.
- Prepare official transcripts – these can be mailed to the University **after you're admitted, or you can bring them with you when you arrive in Salt Lake City**
  - Official transcripts do not affect I-20 processing times
- Provide documents required for I-20 as soon as possible
  - Send to [mastersinfo@eccles.utah.edu](mailto:mastersinfo@eccles.utah.edu)



## How to Get Your I-20

Students requesting an I-20 Certificate of Eligibility must provide the following documents. If possible, please include these items with your online application.

1. A financial statement showing a minimum of \$46,177.00 in U.S. dollars. The funds should be liquid, and the account must have been in the applicant's name for at least six months. (Costs are subject to change.)
2. Or a signed statement from any sponsor providing financial support for the student, declaring the sponsor's intent to financially support the student for an entire year of tuition and living expenses. [Download the Affidavit \(PDF\)](#). Applicants being sponsored by their embassy, government, or educational agency need only submit a letter of sponsorship from the appropriate authority.
3. A copy of the first page of your current passport or your national ID card
4. Students currently on an I-20 from another U.S. school will need to complete a transfer form, which will be mailed to the student after acceptance

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## When to Contact the International Admissions Office

- Updates on your TOEFL or IELTS score – verify that official scores have been received by the University
- Information regarding requirements for your I-20

Contact:

[iao@sa.utah.edu](mailto:iao@sa.utah.edu) / 801-581-8761

<http://admissions.utah.edu/international/index.php>



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## Graduate Career Management for MSIS Students

- Many resources are available to help you find and secure internships and employment
- MSIS Senior Career Coaches – resources to help students one-on-one with all things related to careers
- Explore different career options in information systems
- Develop a custom career strategy
- Access opportunities to connect with employers and industry executives



## Career Planning Resources

- Resume & LinkedIn development
- Information sessions with local and national employers
- Networking Events
- Portfolio of companies that provide work visas
- Interview preparation
- Strong alumni network

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## MSIS International Employment Statistics

92%

OF AUGUST 2017  
INTERNATIONAL GRADUATES  
WERE EMPLOYED 3 MONTHS  
POST-GRADUATION

\$77,791

AVERAGE STARTING SALARY  
FOR INTERNATIONAL MSIS  
GRADUATES

### SAMPLE OF COMPANIES HIRING INTERNATIONAL GRADUATES:

- Accenture
- Adobe
- ARUP
- Teradyne
- Infosys
- HealthCatalyst
- Entrata
- Goldman Sachs
- IM Flash
- Overstock.com
- InsideSales.com
- Deloitte Consulting
- Xactware
- Virtustream
- Quicken Loans
- University of Utah
- Zions Bancorporation
- Indus Valley Partners
- Connexion Point
- Nike
- Ancestry.com
- Varian Medical Systems



## STEM/OPT

- The MSIS program is a STEM-designated degree program
- This designation allows graduates on an F-1 visa to obtain an extension of their existing post-completion OPT period for up to 24 months, for a maximum period of post-completion OPT of 36 months.

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## International Student Center

- Resource for Information about
  - International Student Orientation
  - CPT / OPT
  - Visas
  - Life at the University of Utah

Contact:

1-801-581-8876/ [international@utah.edu](mailto:international@utah.edu)

<http://iss.utah.edu/>



## About Salt Lake City

- Salt Lake City is growing!
- Lots of tech companies here
  - Qualtrics
  - Goldman Sachs IT Division
  - DOMO
  - EMC
  - Adobe
  - eBay
  - Workday
- World-class outdoor recreation
- Average temperatures
  - January: Average high: 37; Average low: 21
  - July: Average high: 91; Average low: 63





## Average Costs in Salt Lake City

- Rent: \$750 - \$850 for a 2 bedroom apartment
- Books: \$250 - \$500 per semester
- Coffee: \$4 (Starbucks Large)
- Movie: \$8
- Large Pizza: \$10
- Student Health Insurance: estimated \$1,874.00 annual (subject to change) [Click here for more information](#)

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