

# The Executive Master of Science in Information Systems

MANAGING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIZATION



## YOUR PATHWAY TO A C-SUITE CAREER IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Georgia State's Robinson College of Business is pleased to offer our Executive Master of Science in Information Systems (MS-IS) with a specialization in Managing Information Technology. The program provides IT professionals with the competitive edge essential for the transition to senior management-level positions.

This 12-month, alternating Saturday, Executive MS-IS program provides students with leadership, planning, management, and technical as well as financial management knowledge and skills.

The program is taught by the faculty of the college's Department of Computer Information Systems—ranked top ten in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report* (2009).

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 3, 2010

Why choose an Executive MS in Information Systems instead of an MBA?

- > Designed for rising IT professionals whose route to the C-suite is functional expertise
- > Focused on the leadership, planning and technical skills required for today's IT environment
- > Well-suited for established professionals who want to update or expand their existing IT knowledge, and especially those seeking IT-specific management and leadership skills

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### STRUCTURE

Robinson's Executive MS in Information Systems is offered in a one-year format over three semesters. Students proceed as a cohort—a structure that fosters peer learning, collaboration and building lifelong business networks. An experienced IT business leader will serve as a mentor to each program participant. These Mentors will coach, support, critique, and provide insights to participants throughout the year.

### CURRICULUM

The rigorous 36-hour curriculum is delivered in five session modules similar to a mini-mester format. The program begins with an opening residency on leadership.

All courses are three credit hours except for the capstone project course which is for six credit hours. An added dimension of this program is the assignment of a mentor to each participant.

### SCHEDULE AND LOCATION

The Executive MS in Information Systems program is taught at Robinson's Alpharetta Center. Face-to-face classes are held on alternate Saturdays. Electronic distant-learning modules are offered in between these Saturdays at the convenience of the participant – any time, any place.

### CANDIDATE PROFILE

Candidates should possess four or more years of full-time IT work experience during which they have demonstrated potential for managerial advancement. They also must hold an undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university.

### ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Applicants must submit a current resume, \$50 application fee, a completed application, a personal essay, transcripts for all post-secondary education, and GMAT scores taken within the last five years.

### FEES, TUITION AND SERVICES

- > A non-refundable orientation and program fee of \$250 is due upon enrollment.
- > Tuition is \$39,500, payable in three installments, which covers all class materials, textbooks, parking and meals.

### COURSES

- > Information Systems Strategy
- > Management of Information Systems
- > Global Sourcing of Systems
- > Management of Information Services
- > Security and Privacy
- > Project Management
- > Mobile and Wireless Technologies
- > Business Process Innovation
- > Organizational Change Management
- > Managing Enterprise Systems
- > Finance and Accounting for IS
- > Capstone Project Course

Graduates of Robinson's Executive-MS Information Systems program will possess the ability to:

- > Lead IT management teams with better decision-making skills
- > Develop and implement IT strategies that maximize firm value
- > Understand and apply new technologies across an enterprise
- > Manage innovation and organizational change more proficiently
- > Interact with CFOs more effectively with a knowledge of accounting and finance practices

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