



# Graduate Curriculum Approval Form

## Changes to Graduate Majors

<b>Degree Program CIP Code</b>	52.0101
<b>Degree</b> (i.e. M.A., Ph.D., etc.):	M.S.
<b>Name of Major</b> (e.g. Biology)	Management
<b>Name of affected Concentration(s)</b> (e.g. Botany)	Management Information Systems (MIS)
<b>Proposed Effective Term</b> (e.g. Fall 2017)	Fall 2018
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APPROVALS	Name	Signature	Action	Date
Dept. Chair	Manish Agrawal		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached	
School Committee Chair (if applicable)			<input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached	
College Committee Chair	<del>Delroy Hunter</del> PAUL SOLOMON		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached	12/18/17
College Dean/ Associate Dean	Kaushal Chari		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached	12/19/17
Concurrence*	Dept: Chair: Manish Agrawal		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Concurs <input type="checkbox"/> Doesn't concur <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached	
Grad Council	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/> Comments	Graduate Studies	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove	

**Summary of Changes – Select all that apply:**

**Admissions Section:**

- Admission Deadlines
- To "fall admissions only"
- From Regular to Direct Receipt Admissions
- From Direct Receipt to Regular Admission
- Admission Requirements

**Curriculum Requirements**

- Current Curriculum Requirements
  - Core
  - Add New Concentration, Specialization, or Track
  - Delete Concentration, Specialization, or Track
  - Thesis/Dissertation
  - Comprehensive/Qualifying Exam
- Other: Updates to program's course offerings (track changes in catalog)

**UPDATE CATALOG COPY**

**Attach the current Catalog Copy, with the requested revisions shown using Track Changes.**

If the only change is to the Admission Deadline revised Catalog Copy is not required– just specify the change below (e.g. current deadline/new deadline). All other changes require Catalog Copy. To obtain the most current catalog, email [cdh@usf.edu](mailto:cdh@usf.edu).

Revised Catalog Copy is attached.

**Submission for approval:** When submitting the request for approval, send a scan of the signature form, including the brief response section (page 2), and the updated Catalog Copy in Word (not in PDF).



**Degree: M.S. MANAGEMENT**

**Concentration (if applicable): MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS (MIS)**

**BRIEF RESPONSES TO THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Why are these changes necessary?

Addition of the new MIS concentration will provide an opportunity to the students of MS-Management program to further tailor this program to their requirements if they choose to do so. It will also enable the management students to market themselves as having both technical and managerial skills as is becoming a staple for most businesses in the current working environment.

**FOR ANY NEW CURRICULUM (New Concentration, Track, Specialization, Grad Certificate, etc.), answer the following:**

2. How does this align with USF System and State University System strategic goals (with particular focus on BOG's "areas of strategic emphasis")?

The addition of the MIS concentration is in direct alignment of the USF system's goals of being a "best education destination in Florida and as a magnetic place that will attract students to actualize their goals". By making the programs aligned with the needs of business communities and the changing landscape of business, this concentration will empower students to achieve their professional goals much more effectively.

It is also in direct alignment of USF Tampa's strategy to "... focus on the delivery of high quality, relevant and globally-informed academic programs to prepare graduates for leadership roles and workforce opportunities locally and across the world." By introducing new and applicable concentrations to the students, USF will produce better prepared managers who are ready to take on complex organizational challenges from day one of their employment.

3. What is the demonstrated need and demand? (in the context of statewide and regional enrollment/degree productivity, including USF institutions, SUS, and FSC), making compelling reasons for "necessary duplication," if appropriate.

The workplace is getting more technical and every aspect of business is infused with information systems applications. Managers need to have a working knowledge of these information systems to understand, guide, and facilitate their employees towards their goals. Therefore, a knowledge of MIS is becoming a necessity for individuals who strive to be effective managers in the technology savvy world. This concentration seeks to fill that need for such managers who would like to know more about of the technological aspects of business.

4. What is the potential impact of new degree programs and new program majors on existing programs in the USF System? *(Including new concentrations, tracks, specializations, etc.- if there are any existing offers, please address impact)*

There are no other degrees offering an MIS Concentration. The impact on MS-BAIS will be minimal as the goal of that program is to develop students to become information systems experts and not management experts.

The impact on MBA will be minimal since the population of students that apply for MBA degree are substantially different from the population of students that apply for the management degree. The students applying for the management degree are usually fresh out of college or have 2-3 years of working experience. The admission standards are also higher for the MBA program.

5. Are there adequacy of resources (faculty, space, equipment, graduate assistants, staff, library etc. – the leveraging of shared resources across and between institutions will be important). Programs will not be considered contingent upon legislative budget requests

Yes, since the Management program is housed in the Information Systems and Decision Sciences Department, and the courses required by the concentration are a subset of courses taught by the MS-BAIS program, the faculty and the courses required by this concentration are readily available. No new courses are being requested for the MIS concentration at this time. Rather, the MIS concentration will leverage the existing facilities and faculty to optimize the value being offered by the concentration, department, and college.

6. Quality assurance and commitment to any requisite accreditation.

Since the courses in the concentration are currently being taught by the faculty for the MS-BAIS program, these courses have already been vetted for quality and relevance.

Once College has approved, scan and email this Approval Form, and the revised Catalog Copy in Word to Graduate Studies by the deadline posted online <http://www.grad.usf.edu/graduate-council.php> . For questions, contact [cdh@usf.edu](mailto:cdh@usf.edu)