The master of science program in accounting and information technology (MSAIT) at Texas State University is jointly offered by the McCoy College of Business Administration Department of Accounting and Department of Computer Information Systems and Quantitative Methods.

The MSAIT program is designed to integrate technological skills and tools with organization information analysis, control and continuity. As today’s companies accumulate ever increasing stores of data, they are increasingly looking for people with the ability to secure, analyze and utilize data in ways never before possible.

The MSAIT program provides the knowledge and hands-on experience needed to work with advanced information technology preparing students for careers as IT auditors, information security specialists and information systems consultants. Topics of study include fraud detection, regulatory reporting, information security, business intelligence and enterprise systems.

All McCoy College graduate programs are accredited by AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. The McCoy College of Business MSAIT program also holds AACSB Accounting Accreditation. AACSB Accreditation is the hallmark of excellence in business and accounting education and has been earned by less than 5 percent of the world’s business programs, a status that takes years of meticulous internal and external review, evaluation and improvement to attain.

Texas State MSAIT graduates integrate the knowledge and skills they learned from an involved and current faculty with advanced technology to solve today’s problems throughout the digital organization.
Course Work
The program requires 36 graduate credit hours to complete. Depending on the applicant’s undergraduate degree, additional course work may be necessary.

Required Courses – 18 credit hours

Accounting
• Cost and Managerial Accounting Theory
• Accounting Information Systems
• Business Information Consulting

Information Technology
• Database Management Systems
• Information Security
• Enterprise Resource Planning

Students also select 12 credit hours from a prescribed set of accounting and information technology electives and six credit hours of graduate business free electives.

Facilities
Business courses are held in McCoy Hall on Texas State’s San Marcos campus. This five-story, 125,000-square-foot building was completed in spring 2006. The facility has wireless Internet access and was designed to support student development.

Features of McCoy Hall include the T. Paul Bulmahn Research and Trading Lab, which allows students to experience real trading and investing. Other highlights include computer classrooms and labs, group study rooms, a graduate student lounge and the Minifie Academic Atrium, a quiet study area.

Admission Policy
Admission to the MSAIT program is competitive, and the process is designed to identify those applicants who have the ability, interest and maturity to manage the program’s rigors and who demonstrate the potential for future professional growth.

The admissions committee carefully considers all aspects of applicants’ professional and academic backgrounds. The committee looks for applicants with strong academic performance throughout their undergraduate careers and competitive scores on all components of the GMAT or GRE. The GRE score may be substituted for the GMAT requirement.

The committee also considers important qualitative elements such as the applicants’ written essays, relevant work experience, extracurricular and community activities, honors and achievements, and letters of recommendation.

Admission Requirements
Applicants must fulfill the admission requirements of both Texas State’s Graduate College and the Graduate School of Business, including holding a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited university.

To apply, submit the following to The Graduate College:
• the online Graduate College application through ApplyTexas
• application fee
• one official transcript from each college or university attended
• official Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) scores or Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores
• two forms of recommendation from persons best able to assess the applicant’s ability to succeed in graduate school using departmental recommendation form
• responses to two specific essay questions
• detailed résumé showing work experience, extracurricular and community activities, and honors and achievements
• letter providing additional information that was not required that the applicant would like the admissions committee to consider in its deliberation (optional)

Visit www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/apply for access to an online application and additional details including the recommendation form and term specific essay questions. The application deadline is June 1 for the fall semester and October 1 for the spring semester. International students must meet additional requirements.

Financial Assistance
In addition to traditional financial aid, graduate students are eligible for scholarships through the Texas State Graduate College as well as scholarships, fellowships and assistantships through the McCoy College of Business Administration. For information about scholarships and application deadlines, visit Texas State’s Graduate College website at www.gradcollege.txstate.edu and click on Financing Your Graduate Education. Please note that program admission priority deadlines must be met in order to be considered for scholarships, fellowships and assistantships. For information about the fellowships and scholarships offered by the McCoy College, visit www.graduate.mccoy.txstate.edu.

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