Department Mission

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.

Professors are very involved and knowledgeable.

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Students integrate knowledge and skills gained from engaged faculty to solve today’s challenges for accounting information systems through digital organization and security.
Why choose Texas State?
The master of science in accounting and information technology (MSAIT) program is accredited by The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International (AACSB), the hallmark of excellence in business and accounting education. Less than 5% of the world’s business programs are accredited by AACSB.

Faculty
The Department of Accounting has 12 research faculty who publish in diverse areas of accounting including auditing, financial accounting, fraud, managerial accounting, governmental accounting and tax. Faculty members’ research has been published in top-tier journals including The Accounting Review, Journal of Accounting and Economics, Accounting, Organizations and Society, Accounting Horizons, Auditing and Behavioral Research in Accounting. Faculty engage in research and intellectual contributions that impact the practice of accounting, enhance the understanding of the accounting discipline and improve the process of educating future accountants.

Course Work
The MSAIT program requires 36 graduate credit hours to complete:
» 18 hours of required courses in accounting and information technology
» 12 hours of electives from a prescribed set of accounting and information technology courses
» six credit hours of business electives
Depending on the applicant’s undergraduate degree, additional course work may be necessary. Students may tailor their courses to meet Texas’s education requirements to take the Uniform CPA Exam, but completion of the degree does not guarantee meeting the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy (TSBPA) education requirements.

Career Options
The MSAIT degree provides conceptual knowledge and hands-on experience to meet the need for trained accounting professionals who are comfortable with advanced information technology. Students entering the program will develop an understanding of information security, audit controls and reporting related to the accounting function. Students preparing to become auditors, IT auditors, information security specialists and information systems consultants will also benefit from this degree.

Important Deadlines*
Admissions
Priority Fall: February 1
Fall: June 1
Spring: October 1
Summer: No admission
Funding: Scholarships, Fellowships and Assistantships
Applications must be complete by the priority deadline to be considered for funding.

Graduates are hired in public accounting firms as consultants and by major companies throughout the region.

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