Auburn University Ph.D. in Business

Information Systems Concentration

General Information and Application Process

Department of Aviation and Supply Chain Management

Harbert College of Business

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GENERAL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

At Auburn University, our focus is on the operation of business organizations and the need to prepare our students to conduct research into the performance of these organizations. Therefore, our Ph.D. in Business is designed to provide students with the theoretical, practical, and statistical skills necessary to diagnose and address organizational problems. Toward this end, we offer concentrations in Finance, Information Systems, and Management. Auburn's Business PhD program has a unique focus on practical research through industry involvement that emphasizes both scholarly and applied research. Our program maintains a reputation for excellence in the academic and business communities.

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Business at Auburn University is designed to prepare individuals to successfully compete for jobs at recognized peer research universities. It prepares

students to independently engage in high quality research, teaching, and related professional endeavors. Competitive graduate assistantships provide practical experience in classroom teaching and academic research.

The PhD in Business, Information Systems Concentration, is designed to meet the following objectives:

1. Develop the depth of knowledge, skills and attitudes required to conduct world-class research on the most relevant issues in the field of business. Particular emphasis is placed on addressing business problems dealing with the management of information systems, business process innovations through information technology, and information systems application.

2. Develop competencies in the methodologies and statistical techniques necessary to conduct sophisticated research and effectively analyze and present results.

3. Develop the skills required to produce world-class scholarly presentations and publications and to gain exposure by attending and making presentations at professional conferences.

4. Develop scholarly publication skills so that individuals publish at least two refereed journal articles during their tenure in the program.

Application Process

Equal Opportunity:
Auburn University and the Department of Aviation and Supply Chain Management believe that all persons are entitled to equal opportunities, and do not discriminate against applicants to our graduate programs regardless of their race, religion, color, national origin, age, sex, or disabilities.

Timing of Admissions:
The PhD program is designed for Fall admissions only. To guarantee full consideration for assistantships and scholarships provided by the Department of Aviation and Supply Chain Management, complete applications must be on file by February 1 for the following Fall term. Applications will be accepted after this date only until the class is filled.

Application Materials Required from Applicants:

Admissions Process:

1. Access and complete the Graduate School application at http://www.grad.auburn.edu. Arrange for undergraduate/graduate transcripts, GMAT or GRE scores, and TOEFL scores (if a non-U.S. citizen) to be sent to the Graduate School.

2. Access and complete the departmental application at **http://business.auburn.edu/academics/graduate/ph.d-in-business-concentration-information-systems/apply/**.

3. Arrange for three letters of recommendation to be sent to the Graduate Program Officer (address listed above).

4. Applicants whose native language is not English must submit either TOEFL scores of at least 550 on the written test, 213 on the computer-based test, or 79 on the Internet based test. If the Internet-based test is taken, students must score 16 or above on all sections (reading, writing, listening, speaking). A score above 6.5 on the IELTS will also be considered. To be considered for an assistantship, students must score well on the Test of Spoken English (TSE). Please note that these minimums are set by the Graduate School and are subject to change. Current information may be found on the Graduate School website.

5. The Graduate School makes available the student's transcripts and GMAT (or GRE) scores to the Graduate Program Officer who completes the application packet for faculty review after the department application and all letters of reference have been received.

6. Early in the Spring semester, generally in February, the faculty will meet to review all applicants' completed files and make decisions regarding inviting a select subset of applicants to visit or participate in a conference call with members of the faculty.

7. After the visits or conference calls, the faculty will make final selection decisions. All decisions are generally made by the end of March.

8. Admission decisions will be communicated to the applicant by both the Graduate School and the department. If admitted, applicants have 15 days from the notification date to accept the admissions offer, which may include an assistantship offer (if one is requested by the applicant).