BUSINESS ANALYTICS - M.S.
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Department of Management and Information Systems
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Fully Offered
- Delivery:
  - Fully online
  - In person
- Location:
  - Kent Campus

Admission Terms
- Fall
- Spring

Examples of Possible Careers*
**Chief executives**
- 10.0% decline
- 287,900 number of jobs
- $185,950 potential earnings

**Data scientists and mathematical science occupations, all other**
- 30.9% much faster than the average
- 33,200 number of jobs
- $98,230 potential earnings

**General and operations managers**
- 5.8% faster than the average
- 2,486,400 number of jobs
- $103,650 potential earnings

**Management analysts**
- 10.7% much faster than the average
- 876,300 number of jobs
- $87,660 potential earnings

**Operations research analysts**
- 24.8% much faster than the average
- 105,100 number of jobs
- $86,200 potential earnings

**Statisticians**
- 34.6% much faster than the average
- 42,700 number of jobs
- $92,270 potential earnings

*Note
Source of occupation titles and labor data is from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

Description
The Master of Science degree in Business Analytics provides students with a comprehensive knowledge of analytics that balances the technologies, analytical methods and business expertise needed to glean useful information from data to make strategic business decisions. The language of business today is dependent on information and data management, and the emergence of advanced technologies for capturing, preparing and analyzing data provides unprecedented opportunities for those with business analytics expertise that spans all industries and organizations.

Students in the Business Analytics major gain the technical, analytical, communication, decision-making and leadership skills needed to be successful business analysts. The curriculum includes integrative capstone analysis projects, and there is an internship option for additional professional development through the on-site Career Services Office.

Accreditation
AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business

Admission Requirements
- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Minimum 3.000 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000-point scale
- Official transcript(s)
- GMAT or GRE (effective spring 2023, GMAT or GRE will no longer be required)
- Résumé
- Goal statement
- Two letters of recommendation
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
  - Minimum 550 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
  - Minimum 79 TOEFL IBT score (internet-based version)
  - Minimum 77 MELAB score
  - Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
  - Minimum 58 PTE score
  - Minimum 110 Duolingo English Test score

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education’s admission website.
Students entering the program are expected to have the requisite backgrounds in statistics, mathematics, computers and business required for the program. At a minimum, students should have general knowledge of inferential statistics, adequate general business knowledge, basic knowledge of business information systems and technologies and a solid understanding of algebra and general mathematics with some exposure to calculus. Students may fulfill deficiencies in these prerequisites by taking CIS 24053, MATH 11012, MGMT 24056, MGMT 24163 or equivalents as applicable. The business analytics program director may consider concurrent enrollment according to the strength of the student’s baccalaureate curriculum and preparedness and the courses proposed to be taken concurrently with the prerequisites.

Program Learning Outcomes
Graduates of the program will be able to:

1. Identify key characteristics of the business problem
2. Identify opportunities and constraints of various data analytical frameworks and tools
3. Formulate appropriate data analytic techniques to solve the business problem
4. Perform necessary data preparation steps (retrieve, clean and manipulate data)
5. Demonstrate necessary theoretical knowledge and practical skills to implement several data-analytic frameworks using different tools
6. Lead and work with teams to frame the business problem
7. Convey in writing the outcomes of analytics for stakeholders
8. Use visual outcomes of analytics to communicate orally effective messages for stakeholders

Program Requirements
Major Requirements

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MIS 64028   GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN BUSINESS MODELS
MIS 64099   CAPSTONE PROJECT IN BUSINESS ANALYTICS
MIS 64160   LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE
MKTG 65057  MARKETING RESEARCH

Culminating Requirement
MIS 64092   INTERNSHIP IN BUSINESS ANALYTICS  3

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 30

Graduation Requirements
Minimum 30 credit hours required for the degree is the assumption that students do not have any unmet requirements they need to be successful in the program. The business analytics program coordinator may make further determination of a student’s preparedness for the program and what prerequisite courses, if any, may be required.