For professionals who need to understand and manage information systems and who seek to further their careers, the graduate program in Information Systems Management offers an opportunity to study new areas of information systems management and to gain a broad understanding in this field. This program is designed for working professionals with an undergraduate degree in any field who would like to advance their career in the field of information systems management. Students will acquire the critical knowledge and skills needed to meet the growing demand for trained professionals in the expanding information systems management field. This program incorporates courses with an emphasis on management techniques with courses in information systems.

Program Goals
The University has identified the following five specific goals to guide program development and review:

- To provide students with a strong foundation of management and leadership skills as well as an advanced understanding of information systems and its integrated role in business today;
- To provide opportunities for the development of innovative and effective teaching methods rooted in an understanding of management theory and research;
- To provide successful professional managers with the flexibility to assume leadership roles in information systems management and in the managerial leadership;
- To nurture a deep commitment to excellence in information systems management and managerial leadership as a means of service to others; and
- To provide a supportive and cooperative learning environment that encourages students to develop their potential for study and their understanding of information systems management.

The Mission
The Master of Science in Information Systems Management program affirms the mission of the University. It also further fulfills the University goals of supporting the preparation of professionals in information systems management and in general managerial and administrative positions. The program is designed to prepare students to become leaders in the use of information systems for the benefit of organizations and society. This program of study focuses on educating students about the development and use of information systems as decision-making and problem-solving tools. This program also is intended to develop an understanding of the managerial issues encountered in the operation or introduction of information systems in organization, particularly how these tools can be used to gain a competitive edge and to re-engineer an organization.

The mission of the Graduate Information Systems Management program is to:

- Foster the development of professionals, scholars, and lifelong learners who apply advanced study to master effective problem-solving skills;
- Facilitate the development of critical thinkers who can use their personal, professional, and academic experiences in the analysis of information systems management issues;
- Develop informed users of research capable of making significant contributions to their chosen field; and
- Support and encourage scholarship, intellectual inquiry, and professional responsibility.
Admission Requirements

• Completed and signed application form
• Statement of your professional plans and goals (1-2 pages)
• Two official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate institutions attended
• Two recommendation forms/letters of reference
• Résumé
• Students entering the program with an undergraduate degree in a non-business field and no related experience will be required to take a Common Professional Component (CPC) exam*. Coursework and business experience will be evaluated by the Associate Dean or designate.

An applicant with a GPA of less than 3.0 may submit a written petition to the Associate Dean and pending approval by the Dean may be admitted on a probationary basis. Probationary students must complete six hours of graduate coursework in the program at Holy Family, earning a GPA of at least 3.0 and a minimum grade of B in each course to be removed from probationary status and matriculated in the program.

*The Common Professional Component (CPC) test is a requirement for ISYM students who do not have an undergraduate business degree or comparable work experience in a business-related profession. The test covers business areas required by the Accreditation Council for Business (ACBSP): accounting, finance, management, economics, social environment, legal environment, international business, information systems, and quantitative analysis. The cost of the test is covered by the School of Business Administration. A student getting less than 40% on the CPC test in an area(s) will need to take an online leveling course to gain proficiency in the area(s). The cost for the online leveling course is $35 per course, which must be paid by the student. Since the test is a proficiency test, there is no study regimen to prepare for the test.

Curriculum

Students are required to take 11 courses for a total of 33 credits to complete the degree.

Core Requirements (24 credits)

ISYM 500 Information Systems Management*
ISYM 510 Computer Networks and the Internet (must be completed in first year of study)
ISYM 525 Information Security
ISYM 530 Communications Applications
ISYM 540 Current Topics in ISM
ISYM 541 Computer Forensics
ISYM 543 Project Management
ISYM 545 Legal & Ethical Issues in ISM

Elective Courses (2 courses for total of 6 credits)

ISYM 502 Human Resources Management
ISYM 512 Corporate Finance for Executives
ISYM 520 Electronic Commerce
ISYM 527 Organizational Communications
ISYM 532 Statistics & Quantitative Business Methods

Capstone Course (3 credits)

ISYM 550 Independent Study and Research
(Student must have at least 27 credits completed toward ISYM degree including ISYM 510)

*Course may be replaced with an elective if student has equivalent experience as determined by the Associate Dean upon admission.