BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE & ANALYTICS M.S.

Erivan K. Haub School of Business

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Mission

In the contemporary enterprise, the understanding of information systems, processes, and organizational knowledge is critical to success. The successful twenty-first century decision-maker will use this information for competitive advantage and for enterprise growth. The objective of the Master of Science in Business Intelligence & Analytics Program (MSBIA) in the Haub School of Business at Saint Joseph’s University is to provide the student with an enhanced foundation in both information technology and quantitative decision-making tools.

Admission Requirements and Procedures

In setting the admissions criteria for the MSBIA Program, the intent is to accept only those students who have a high probability of successfully completing the program in Business Intelligence at Saint Joseph’s University.

Criteria

• A completed application form
• Non-refundable $35 application fee
• Official transcripts indicating receipt of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university.
• Official GMAT or GRE scores taken within five years of application. Waivers are available for certain master’s degrees and professional certifications. Contact the Program Director for further details.
• Two (2) letters of recommendation from former professors and/or employers
• A written statement of academic or career goals
• An affidavit of financial support and evidence of English proficiency for international applicants
• A current resume

International applicants are no longer required to submit a credentials evaluation. Transcript evaluations will be performed by the Graduate Operations staff. However, applicants already possessing a course-by-course evaluation of their transcripts are encouraged to submit this, along with original transcripts. For those who do not possess a course-by-course evaluation, an official record of all college and university academic studies and results of state and/or national examinations taken are required. Academic records must include the name of each individual course, the grade earned, and the grading scale used. Documents must be submitted in one’s native language with an official English translation. Foreign documents, credentials, and transcripts must be official (sealed and sent directly from the institution). Only originals or photocopies officially stamped and attested by a school official (Registrar, Principal, or Controller of Examinations) are accepted. Faxes, scanned, or notarized copies or copies attested by a department head cannot be accepted as official. All credentials submitted to the Graduate Operations Office become property of the University and cannot be returned.

International applicants whose native language is not English are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). A minimum score of 550, internet based TOEFL 80, or 213 on computerized test on the TOEFL is required to take any course in the Program. An official IELTS score of 6.5 or official PTE score of 60 is also acceptable. Foreign applicants seeking an F-1 student visa must also supply a statement of financial support.

Retention Processes and Policies

Statistics Proficiency

All students in the MSBIA Program must demonstrate proficiency in statistics prior to the start of their second course in the program. Students with strong statistical background may apply for a waiver, otherwise the proficiency is achieved through an online learning module (ALEKS). Students must complete 100% of this module before their second course. Further details can be obtained from the MSBIA Program Director or Academic Coordinator.

Grading, Probation, Dismissal, and Failure

The grading system in effect at Saint Joseph’s University will apply to courses in the Master of Science Program. As per University guidelines for graduate study, a student enrolled in a Master of Science program who receives a single grade of C or below for three (3) credit hours will receive a warning letter. Students who receive a grade of C or below for six (6) credit hours will be placed on academic probation and will be so notified in writing. Students who receive a grade of C or below for nine (9) credit hours will be dismissed from the program.

Graduate students must fulfill all credit hour requirements for the Master of Science degree. Each candidate for graduation must have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA, no more than two grades of C, and no F grades outstanding in order to be certified for graduation. The student, with support from the Program Director and Student Records Offices, is responsible for monitoring their own academic progress throughout the course of the program.

Retention Processes and Policies

Students enrolled in the M.S. in Business Intelligence & Analytics Program have six years to complete their M.S. degree from Saint Joseph’s University. This six-year limit begins with the student’s first core course. Extensions beyond this limit may be made only with the approval of the Program Director, and only for unusual and serious circumstances.

Students who exceed the time limit to complete the M.S. Program will be dismissed from the program. Such students must reapply for admission into the program as new students and start the program with no credit from previous courses taken.

Graduation/Commencement Policies

Students must complete all course requirements prior to graduation. Upon petition to the Program Director and the Office of the Registrar, students may be permitted to take part in commencement exercises if they will be completing their graduate studies by August.

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Learning Goals and Objectives

Stakeholder Value/Functional: Students will demonstrate understanding of the concept of the value of decision and systems technologies. It is critical for the competent professional to apply their competencies within a focused environment.

Problem Solving/Critical Thinking: To develop critical thinking skills, that is, the process of conceptualizing, applying, analyzing, synthesizing, and/or evaluating information as the basis for solving problems and making decisions.

Interpersonal/Communication skills: To enhance the interpersonal skills needed for success within organizations, including an understanding of self and others, and to build productive teams. Students will demonstrate the ability to correspond effectively and persuasively in a business format, communicate effectively with individuals and within teams, and present to both individuals and groups clearly and persuasively.

Ignatian Values: An appreciation for and ability to apply the Ignatian values of: a commitment to rigorous education and lifelong learning; an insistence upon ethical decision making; a desire for social justice; and a care and concern for others.

Program-Specific I - Operations Analysis: The ability to develop business models for forecasting and business analysis. This requires the understanding of organizational flows of information and control and the impacts that these flows have on operations.

Program-Specific II - Technical skills: Technical competence in decision and system technologies. As technologies develop, the successful user and manager of these technologies must be constantly aware of developments in these areas.

Program-Specific III - Enterprise Thinking: Integrated viewpoints of the enterprise. The understanding of how the pieces fit together for a complete organization provides the alternative views necessary to maximize overall organizational goals as well as functional area needs.

Curriculum

The MSBIA degree requires completion of 30 credits with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better in courses taken at SJU. Prerequisites or corequisites are required for core courses listed below and are met through the scheduled course sequence.

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SAS Certificate

The SAS Institute has endorsed the Master of Science in Business Intelligence & Analytics Program within the Haub School of Business and presents those who completed its program with a Business Intelligence Certificate, certified by SAS. This certificate will be issued to students who graduate from the MSBIA Program after January 2011 and successfully complete DSS 600 through and including DSS 680.

Other Program Options

The Erivan K. Haub School of Business offers a Certificate Program in Business Intelligence. This program is available on-campus only and offers 12 graduate credits in such courses as: Foundations for Business Intelligence, Developing Decision Making Competencies, Six Sigma, or Contemporary Information Technology. Interested applicants and students should contact the Director of the MSBIA Program for more details.