Specialized Knowledge Area Module

Introduction

The Walden University Information Systems Management (ISM) Specialization prepares managers to meet the critical challenges in today's technology-driven, global environment. The Walden ISM specialization fosters students' understanding of the value of integrating technology to support the organizational strategy. The program creates a learning environment that empowers students to achieve success, while striving to increase their capacity to reason critically, communicate clearly, argue convincingly, and behave professionally in the dynamic environment of the 21st century. As the time approaches when information is the driving and controlling element in the conduct of the organization, the government, the operation of enterprise-wide mission-critical systems, and in the day-to-day experiences of our lives, competitive and successful organizations must use of information systems effectively and efficiently as an essential component of their strategic goals in the 21st Century. Accordingly, integrating technology into all the functions and activities of the organization is vital. An organization's present and future accomplishments depend in many respects on what its information systems are capable of doing. As a result, information systems professionals must learn to handle the complexity of future information systems.

Program Requirements

The ISM Specialization combines courses and KAMs. Although individual Programs of Study may vary based on transfer of credit awarded and other factors, students typically complete the following sequence of courses and KAMs:

- AMDS 8000 Introduction and Orientation to Online Learning

- The core-requisite course MMBA 6110 Management Information Systems (4 credits). Note: six-week course

- 9 ISM courses (4 credits each) one of which is the capstone. Note: six-week courses.

- The Advanced Individual Study Course (2 credits)
"Research Sequence (14 total credits)
   SBSF 8417 Research Seminar 1: Human Inquiry and Science (4 cr.)
   AMDS 8427 Research Seminar 2: Research Design (5 cr.)
   AMDS 8437 Research Seminar 3: Data Analysis (5 cr.)

" Three Advanced Knowledge Area Modules (42 credits) from the general program or from existing specializations.

" Dissertation (30 credits)

" Residency (32 residency units)

Transfer Credits in the ISM Program
For the Ph.D. 42 quarter hour credits may be transferred into the Information Systems Management Specialization core curriculum. All transfer credits must comply with Walden University requirements and reflected in the student's approved Program of Study. For the official University-wide transfer of credit policy, see the Walden University Catalog.

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