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Dear Prospective Student:

We appreciate your interest in the Masters Programs in Business at Arkansas State University. We take great pride in the fact that we have a challenging and relevant program which focuses on continuous improvement. The curriculum meets the needs of the dynamic global business environment as it integrates social, ethical, international and technology issues for management decision making. Our Masters are advanced professional degrees which can qualify you for a rewarding career in any type of organization.

For those with an undergraduate degree in business from an accredited American university, the program of study is usually 30 hours. Both afternoon and evening classes are offered. Students whose undergraduate degrees are in a non-business related field normally will take 15 additional hours of foundation courses.

The minimum GPA requirement for admission into the program is 2.75 and a minimum score of 400 must be made on the GMAT.

A limited number of assistantships are available to graduate students and are awarded on a competitive basis. A personal interview is required for those being considered to receive an assistantship. Loans are available through the student Financial Aid Office.

I have enclosed, with this e-mail, an application to the Graduate School along with other relevant information. Please note that the completed application, application fee, transcripts and other materials and documents are to be sent to the Dean of the Graduate School, Arkansas State University, Box 60, State University, AR 72467.

If you choose to pursue a Masters degree, we invite you to consider Arkansas State University. We look forward to working with you. If you have any questions, or need information about the MBA program, please call me at (870) 972-3035, or visit our Website @ <http://business.astate.edu>.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. William Roe".

C. William Roe
Graduate Business Programs

MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS & e-COMMERCE

The Arkansas State University MSISec Program is an advanced technical degree program designed to prepare students to manage the information technology (IT) function in all types of organizations. As such, the program stresses the development of analytical, design, problem-solving, and decision-making competencies as they relate to the technical aspects of business.

The program of study includes the core areas of IT within business as well as the option to select additional courses in an area of special interest to the student. This provides students with the flexibility to tailor their degree programs to meet individual needs and goals. In addition, students have the option of completing a research-oriented thesis. This option is suggested for those students pursuing employment in the research sector considering future doctoral studies. With courses offered during the day and night on a rotating basis, the program accommodates both the working professional as well as the recent graduate desiring to move into positions of responsibility in organizations.

Admission Requirements:

All general admission requirements of the Graduate School are applicable to the program and the student should refer to these requirements which are listed in the graduate bulletin. Non-degree candidates cannot enroll in College of Business graduate courses unless they meet all the admission requirements of the degree candidate. Students who are admitted to master's degree programs outside the College of Business will not be permitted to take more than nine semester hours of College of Business graduate courses unless they meet all the admission requirements of the degree candidate.

An applicant's complete application package, including application to Graduate School, official transcripts, official GMAT scores, required application fee and, when required, proof of immunization must be received in the Office of the Graduate School no later than six weeks prior to the beginning of classes each semester. To ensure time for issuance of an I-20, international students must submit a complete application, including all the above plus official TOEFL scores no later than 90 days prior to the beginning of classes each semester.

Unconditional Admission:

Applicants for the Master of Science in Information Systems & e-Commerce (MSISec) degree program must submit a score on the Graduate Management Admission Test[®] (GMAT[®]). Entering students will be granted unconditional admission if they meet one of the following sets of criteria:

1. A minimum of 400 on the GMAT and at least 950 points based on the formula: 200 times the overall undergraduate grade point average plus the GMAT score, or:
2. A minimum of 400 on the GMAT and at least 1000 points based on the formula: 200 times the grade point average on the last 60 hours, plus the GMAT score.

Information pertaining to the GMAT may be obtained by contacting the Testing Center at (870) 972-2038 or by writing to:

**Graduate Management Admission Test
Educational Testing Service
P.O. Box 966
Princeton, NJ 08540**

Conditional Admission:

An applicant who fails to meet the requirement for the MSISec program but who meets the above formula offsetting a slightly GPA with a higher GMAT score may be admitted conditionally by the Director of Graduate Business Programs based on the applicant's outstanding academic record as evidence of the ability to succeed in the program.

Pre-MBA:

No applicant will be admitted to the MSISec program without a satisfactory score on the GMAT. Applicants are encouraged to take the GMAT early in the order to be admitted to the program. An applicant without the GMAT may take the foundation courses and/or a maximum of six hours of regular graduate MSISec courses as a Pre-MSISec (non-degree) student. Foundation courses do not apply toward the MSISec. International students are not permitted to enroll as Pre-MSISec and cannot take courses toward, nor be admitted to, the MSISec program without first having submitted the required GMAT and TOEFL scores.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Application Form

All sections of the application form should be completed. This form should be typewritten (or printed clearly) and filled out completely. If the space provided is inadequate, please attach additional pages.

Required Tests

All applicants are required to take the Graduate Management Admission Test[®] (GMAT[®]) administered by the Educational Testing Service (ETS[®]). Test scores more than 5 years old will not be accepted. Please arrange for your GMAT[®] scores to be reported directly to Arkansas State University by ETS[®]. The Arkansas State University code number is 6011.

All applicants whose native language is not English must submit a score for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL[®]). Please arrange for your TOEFL[®] scores to be reported to Arkansas State University.

Each applicant is responsible for having his/her official GMAT and TOEFL scores sent directly to the Graduate School under separate cover.

Affidavit of Financial Resources of International Applicants/Visa Status

The completion of the affidavit included in this packet to the satisfaction of Arkansas State University is one of the requirements that must be met before a Form I-20 can be issued. Return the completed form with the statement and signature from an official of your financial institution, to the Graduate School, P.O. Box 60, State University, AR 72467 U.S.A.

International applicants are required to certify that they will have available the amount of funds in United States of America currency indicated on the financial affidavit for their own expenses during each nine-month academic year of study at Arkansas State University and for each ten-week summer session. International applicants will need this financial documentation when they seek a visa from consular officials of the United States.

International applicants need to indicate on the affidavit the amount of funds in United States currency that will be available to them during each year that they plan to be in the United States. Funds must be verified by a certified statement from an official of the financial institution and/or government agency.

To expedite processing, applicants are encouraged to submit this information with their applications.

Transcripts

An official transcript is required from every college and university you have attended since graduating from high school. All prior course work including summer sessions, night school and any graduate study should be included. All international transcripts must be translated into English. The translations should be notarized or officially validated.

Assistantships, Scholarships and Financial Aid

A limited number of graduate assistantships are available and open to all domestic and international students. Each individual applying for a graduate assistantship must be interviewed as part of the selection process and competition is very intense. All applicants should be aware that assistantships do not cover all of the expenses associated with completion of the MSISec program. All MSISec applicants are thus expected to provide substantial funding from their own resources or from an appropriate sponsor.

The Financial Aid Office at Arkansas State University is responsible for loan and student employment opportunities for MSISec applicants.

Application Fee

A non-refundable check or money order made payable to Arkansas State University in the amount of \$ 15 (\$ 25 U.S. for international applicants) must accompany the application or it will not be processed. Please identify the applicant's name and U.S. Social Security Number (if applicable) on the check or money order and attach it to the front of the application form.

Re-Applying for Admission

The Graduate School retains applications for one year. Applicants who wish to re-apply should update their application, but are not required to submit an additional application fee. Any new GMAT[®] or TOEFL[®] test score results should be reported at this time as well.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Application Deadlines

Completed applications should be submitted as follows:

- Fall Enrollment:
 - International Applicants - May 1
 - Resident Applicants - July 15
- Spring Enrollment
 - International Applicants - October 15
 - Resident Applicants - December 1
- Summer Enrollment
 - International Applicants - March 1
 - Resident Applicants - May 1

Applications which are received after the deadline will be reviewed pending available space. Applications are considered complete and ready for review when all materials are on file in the Graduate School.

Tuition

Out of State students residing within a 75 - mile radius of the campus where the degree is offered, have out - of - state tuition waived and pay Arkansas resident tuition.

Proof of Immunization

If your date of birth is January, 1957 or later, you are required to present written documentation of proof of measles and rubella immunization. This immunization must have been received after the first birthday and after January 1, 1968.

Selective Service Registration

Arkansas law requires that in order to be eligible for enrollment at a public institution of higher learning an applicant who is a U.S. citizen must be registered or exempt from registration with the Selective Service System.

Questions

If you have any questions regarding the application forms or the admission process, please contact the Graduate School (870.972.3029) or the Office of Director of Graduate Business Programs (870.972.3035).

All materials and documents must be submitted to the Dean of the Graduate School, Arkansas State University, Box 60, State University, AR 72464.

“FAST-TRACK” ~ FOUNDATION COURSES

“Fast - Track” Foundation Courses

Non - business undergraduate majors typically have to take foundation or leveling courses in business prior to taking the graduate core and elective courses. In the past, this included 30 semester hours of coursework. At ASU we have developed what we call “Fast - Track” Foundation Courses. Each of the five “Fast - Track” courses covers only material needed to take the graduate core and elective courses in the MSISec Program. The courses are presented in a modular format at an accelerated pace. This allows non-business undergraduates to get through the foundation requirements much quicker, thus reducing the length of time necessary to get the MSISec degree. These courses are as follows:

<u>“Fast Track” Foundation Courses</u>	<u>ASU Equivalent * Undergraduate Courses</u>
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MBA 5003 -- Survey of Accounting & Finance ACCT 2003 and 2013, FIN 3713

MBA 5013 -- Survey of Economics ECON 2313 and 2323

MBA 5023 -- Survey of Management & Information Systems MGMT 3123 or 3153, MIS 3013

MBA 5033 -- Survey of Marketing and Law MKTG 3013 and Law 2023

MBA 5043 -- Survey of Statistics and Operations Management QM 2113 and 3523

* Students who have taken the equivalent undergraduate courses, as determined by evaluation of their transcripts, will have the graduate foundation courses waived. The graduate foundation courses do not count for credit towards the MSISec degree.

In addition, non CS or MIS Students will be required to complete an undergraduate programming course and a database course. It is highly recommended that the student complete an undergraduate course in eCommerce or website development.

PROGRAM OF STUDY

Program of Study for the Master of Business Administration Program

The program consists of a core curriculum of 24 hours. This common body of knowledge is aimed at developing competency in each of the major areas of information systems. In addition, students may select 12 hours of electives (three hours must be either a directed individual study, internship, or seminar) in their field of choice or complete a six-hour thesis plus six hours of electives.

Students with a non-business undergraduate degree typically must take up to 15 hours of the Fast-Track foundation courses, plus a programming and database course, resulting in as much as a 57-hour program for such students. Students may count only three hours of directed individual study or internship towards their degree.

Core Courses Required of All Students:

- LAW 6033 - Cyber Law
- MIS 6423 - Network & Telecommunication Management
- MIS 6443 - Database Systems & Data Warehousing
- MIS 6453 - Electronic Commerce
- MIS 6463 - Information Systems Analysis & Design
- MIS 6473 - DSS & Data Mining
- MIS 6483 - Supply Chain & Enterprise Systems
- STAT 6643 - Multivariate Analysis (or higher level STAT course)

Elective Courses:

Electives may be selected from approved graduate level courses. These electives could include courses from the MBA Program, Department of Computer Science, Department of Statistics, and others.

Comprehensive Exam:

All students must successfully complete the comprehensive exam associated with this degree. If a student chooses the thesis option of this program, he/she will be required to hold a successful oral defense to complete this requirement. If a student chooses the non-thesis option, he/she will be required to pass a written comprehensive exam. Comprehensive exams will be administered in accordance with the ASU Graduate Bulletin.

CREATING YOUR FUTURE

Congratulations on making the decision to pursue an advanced technical degree. By making this choice you are helping to create your future, as the MSISec will make you more marketable and build confidence from the expanded knowledge you gain in this highly specialized field. Investing in an MSISec will yield dividends throughout your life. We are delighted that you are considering Arkansas State University's Master of Science in Information Systems & e-Commerce as the pathway for YOUR future.

Arkansas State University's MSISec degree is built on programs of excellence with emphasis on problem-solving, data management, networking and electronic commerce. Our graduate faculty are highly qualified in their respective areas and each holds a terminal degree from an accredited institution. Through on-going research and publishing, they bring to the classroom the latest in technologies in this fast-paced world of change. They engage students in action-based learning to develop analytical, problem solving and communication skills (in addition to technical knowledge) essential for succeeding as information technology managers.

We invite you to contact us or visit us. Once you have an opportunity to experience our personal attention, we believe you will feel confident in selecting Arkansas State University's MSISec Program to help you create your future.

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C. William Roe, Associate Dean
Director, Graduate Business Programs

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Master of Science in Information Systems and e-Commerce is to provide high-quality graduate-level managerial and technical education for students in the information technology (IT) field. The MSISec graduate faculty strives to build a comprehensive and challenging program of excellence to meet the needs of a dynamic, global technical environment through a leading-edge curriculum emphasizing data management, networking, eCommerce, and system design.

The MSISec program fosters analytical thinking and problem solving as it serves to stimulate intellectual activity in the college. To maintain graduate faculty status, faculty must provide quality teaching and engage in ongoing scholarly and professional involvement through applied research, professional activities, service and consulting. The MSISec program actively seeks opportunities to provide support for business and communities through research, consultative services, internships, and student projects.

The mission is strengthened through ongoing review and continuous improvement in the areas of faculty qualifications, curriculum content, and delivery methods. It is the intent of the MSISec faculty to provide the most current information to the students utilizing the most current technology available.

CONTACT INFORMATION

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

Graduate School
Dean of the Graduate School
Arkansas State University
Box 60
State University, AR 72467

Overnight Deliveries
Dean of the Graduate School
Arkansas State University
120 Cooley Drive
Dean B. Ellis Library
Room 143
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Telephone
870.972.3029

Facsimile
870.972.3857

E-Mail
gradsch@astate.edu

World Wide Web
graduateschool.astate.edu

Office Hours
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday

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Director of Graduate Business Programs
Arkansas State University
Box 970
State University, AR 72467

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Arkansas State University
103 Cooley Drive
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World Wide Web
business.astate.edu/msis.htm

Office Hours
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Monday through Friday

SPECIFIC INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE LIST BELOW:

Financial Aid
301 Chickasaw Building
870.972.2310
870.972.2794
finaid@mail.astate.edu

Residence Life
401 Chickasaw Building
870.972.2042
870.972.2561
reslife@astate.edu

International Student Services
217 Carl R. Reng Center
870.972.2329
870.972.8030
oips@astate.edu

Career Services Center
303 Chickasaw Building
870.972.3025
870.972.2783
nvickers@astate.edu

Disability Services
410 Chickasaw Building
870.972.3965
870.910.8048
jrmason@chickasaw.astate.edu

Testing Center
403 Chickasaw Building
870.972.2038
870.972.2009
rfreer@chickasaw.astate.edu

Registrar
201 Chickasaw Building
870.972.2031
870.972.3843
registrar@astate.edu

Health Center
Wilson Student Health Center
870.972.2054
870.972.2131
lfarris@astate.edu

University Police
University Police Office
870.972.2093
870.972.3866
kcooper@astate.edu

OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS:

GMAT[®]
Telephone: 800.462.8669 or 609.771.7330
gmat@ets.org
www.gmat.org

TOEFL[®]
Telephone: 609.771.7100
etsinfo@ets.org
www.toefl.org

RESIDENCE INFORMATION

To be classified as an "in-state" student for fee purposes, a student must be a bona fide domiciliary of Arkansas and must have resided in that status for at least six consecutive months prior to the beginning of the term or semester for which the fees are to be paid.

A student from outside Arkansas shall have the burden of establishing in-state status for fee purposes, and evidence to that effect must be presented in writing, verified under oath by the student. A student who knowingly gives erroneous information to evade payment of out-of-state fees shall be subject to dismissal from the University.

ADMISSION

PLEASE CONSULT THE GRADUATE BULLETIN FOR MORE SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH MAJOR.

GENERAL DOCUMENTS NEEDED IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS:

A completed copy of this application form accompanied by the appropriate application fee. (There are separate application forms for the doctoral programs.)

Official transcripts from the college/university awarding the bachelor's degree and all colleges/universities attended since receiving the bachelor's degree. Transcripts must be mailed directly from the institutions previous attended.

If your date of birth is January 1957 or later, you are required to present written documentation of measles and rubella immunization. This immunization must have been received after the first birthday and after January 1, 1968.

Arkansas law requires that in order to be eligible for enrollment at a public institution of higher learning an applicant who is a U.S. citizen must be registered or be exempt from registration with the selective service system. A form affirming registration is also required for admission to Graduate School and is available at the Graduate School.

Application materials become the property of the university and may not be returned to the applicant or forwarded to other institutions.

If a standardized test is required for your major, you may contact the Testing Center at Arkansas State University to make the necessary arrangements for testing. The telephone number is 870-972-2038.

ALL MATERIALS AND DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL, ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY, P.O. BOX 60, STATE UNIVERSITY, AR 72467.

For more information:

Telephone: 870-972-3029

FAX: 870-972-3857

E-mail: gradsch@mail.astate.edu

Internet: <http://graduateschool.astate.edu/prospstu.htm>

To access the Graduate Bulletin website:

<http://www.cgf.org/catalogs/94496.pdf>