

MIS (Management Information Systems)

Fact Sheet

Information technology (IT) is the common thread connecting all high-technology sectors, including those in Central Florida. Virtually every industry, business, and consumer depends on digital information and its pervasive, diverse applications. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment in the information supersector is expected to increase by 6.9%, adding 212,000 jobs by 2016.

This is why the State University System, in its strategic plan, has identified “Computer Science and Information Technology” as a ***critical area for growth to meet statewide professional and workforce needs***. The importance of IT training is also recognized by UCF’s Information Fluency Initiative.

UCF’s world-class MIS department prepares students for such ***high-wage, high-demand, and high-growth jobs*** as software developers, business analysts, systems administrators, and chief technology officers, regularly placing students in such firms as Lockheed Martin, Siemens, Hewitt, Oracle, Disney, and Clear Channel. A vast majority of the program’s graduate’s stay in Florida. Eliminating this program would hinder UCF mission as Florida’s leading partnership university, especially in the I-4 high-tech corridor, and it would slow job growth in areas crucial to economic recovery and diversification.

In addition to its vital economic mission, UCF’s MIS department must be saved because of its competitive advantage and world-class reputation. The department was recently ranked as the ***best in Florida and the 10th best in the world in research productivity***.

Other impressive facts about the MIS department include the following:

- The department is the longtime home of the field’s most prestigious journal, *MIS Quarterly*.
- The department’s Ph.D. students consistently publish in major journals and get jobs at major research universities around the country.
- Since 2005, the department has been part of the global SAP University Alliance, which gives students unique experiences working with leading enterprise systems software.
- The department’s Advisory Board includes executives of most of Central Florida’s most profitable and influential companies.