

TO: All Students Interested in Information Systems (INFS)
 FROM: Information Systems Faculty

SUBJECT: Schedule Changes for Undergraduate INFS Courses

Information Systems is a great area of emphasis for those interested in INFS as a career as well as a double-major or minor for other students. Virtually all businesses and career fields are dependent on Information Systems for their survival, so additional course-work in INFS will be a major benefit for you both on-the-job and when looking for a job. Although the INFS job market has been improving recently, past down-turns have decreased enrollments in INFS courses. To proactively manage our enrollments and avoid canceling classes, we have implemented some critical changes to our INFS course schedules that we want to let you know about.

Most undergraduate INFS courses will only be offered **ONCE PER YEAR** starting in Fall 2005. Prerequisites are strictly enforced for INFS courses, so it more important than ever that you carefully plan your schedule – especially if you are interested in an INFS area of emphasis and do not want your graduation delayed. The projected schedule of INFS courses is:

| Course | Pre-requisites | Planned Schedule | Fall 2005 Schedule | Instructor Email |
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| INFS 205 | INFS 110 | Fall & Spring | MW 1050AM – 1205PM | A. Hickey ahickey |
| INFS 308 | INFS 205 | Spring | | B. Martz wmartz |
| INFS 340 | INFS 205 | Fall* | W 0140PM – 0420PM | M. Beranek mberanek |
| INFS 370 | INFS 205 | Fall (2005 only) Spring* | T 0925AM – 1205PM | M. Shepherd mshepher |
| INFS 410 | INFS 205 AND 340 (pre/co-req) | Fall | W 0430PM – 0705PM | A. Hickey ahickey |
| INFS 450 | INFS 410 | Fall (2005 only) Spring* | F 0925AM – 1205PM | A. Davis adavis |
| Elective | Varies | At least one/year | | |

* See comment below.

Here are a few additional comments about this schedule:

- INFS 340 has been added to the Fall 2005 schedule.
- INFS 370 will be offered in Fall 2005, then each Spring thereafter. Depending on enrollments, INFS 370 may be offered in Spring 2006, but the next guaranteed offering is Spring 2007. So, if you plan on graduating before then, you should take INFS 370 this Fall.
- INFS 450 will be offered both Fall and Spring semesters for the 2005-6 academic year only. Future offerings will be during the Spring semester only.
- Pre-requisites may be waived in **RARE** circumstances by the instructor for students with comparable course-work or extensive work experience. Contact the instructor with waiver requests via email (add @uccs.edu to email shown above for complete email address) **BEFORE** the beginning of the semester or you will be dropped from the class.

- INFS 410 is virtually NEVER waived as a pre-requisite for the capstone project management course (INFS 450). So, if you plan to graduate anytime in 2006, you should be taking INFS 410 this Fall, which may also mean that you must take INFS 340 if you have not done so yet.
- At least one INFS Elective will be offered each year. Currently scheduled electives include:
 - ENTP 395, Web Development. Offered through Extended Studies this SUMMER.
 - INFS 440, Emerging Technologies. Will be cancelled for Fall 2005 due to low enrollments. Will be rescheduled for Spring 2006. So, if you plan to graduate this December and still need an INFS elective, you may want to consider taking ENTP 395 this summer or talk to one of the INFS Faculty to explore other alternatives.

We are also very interested in hearing from you about what Electives you would like us to offer in the future. In the past, we have offered:

- INFS 440 as a general Emerging Technologies course. This year we plan to focus on Information Systems Security in 440.
- INFS 310 as a second programming course after INFS 308.
- INFS 495 as a Virtual Basic for Applications (VBA) programming course with no pre-requisites for INFS and other students.
- ENTP 395, Web Development, as an extended studies course for all students.

Email Professor Martz, wmartz@uccs.edu with comments or recommendations on electives.

Please feel free to contact any of the INFS Faculty if you have questions about their courses, the INFS area of emphasis, or about information systems as a career choice. For information about other INFS/Business courses or requirements, please contact the Undergraduate Advisor, Linda Foltz, in the Student Success Center, or via email at lfoltz@uccs.edu.