



## Overview

This program is designed for people who work with IT departments, have clients or customers in technology fields, or who want a broad introduction to information systems. You'll learn:

- How businesses manage information to function more efficiently, effectively and profitably.
- The strategic role and management of technology and its projects, using cases for analyzing project management issues and making decisions.
- How to determine information needs of a company and specifying the requirements for systems that support business processes.
- How to harness vast data stores to solve problems, enhance decision-making, and discover new opportunities.
- Knowledge of the emerging field of business intelligence (BI) including its capabilities, role in decision making, and vendors while gaining hands-on experience with some popular BI technologies and tools.
- How information systems support company business functions.
- Comprehension of a managerial level understanding of infrastructure, applications, and data.
- How to analyze the organizational consequences of IT and the factors in successful and failed IT projects.

This certificate can be a companion to the [computer information systems master's degree](#). The credits completed as part of this certificate may be applied toward the degree after formal admission per [University transfer policies](#) with a grade of B or better in each course. However, successful completion of the courses or certificate does not guarantee admission to the degree program.

## Curriculum

### Required courses

- **CIS 570** – Business Intelligence (3 cr.)
- **CIS 600** – Information Technology and Project Management (3 cr.)
- **CIS 676** – Information Technology Management (3 cr.)

Admission to a business graduate program and/or additional coursework may be required to meet prerequisites. [Contact the department for more details.](#)

## Delivery

Online

## Credits

9 credits

Additional prerequisite coursework may be required

## Tuition

\$867 per credit

- Includes [Student Services](#)
- [Fees](#) assessed separately
- [Financial aid](#) is available; eligibility determined on an individual basis

## Time frame

Can be completed in 2 semesters if courses are taken concurrently or 3 semesters if courses are taken sequentially

## Completion requirements

Successful completion of 9 credits from the appropriate courses

## More info

[online.colostate.edu/certificates/business-information-systems](https://online.colostate.edu/certificates/business-information-systems)

## Contact

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# How to Apply

## Business Information Systems - Graduate Certificate



### Application Deadlines

Fall semester: **August 1**

Spring semester: **January 1**

#### 1 Review Admission Requirements

Graduate certificate applicants generally must meet or exceed the following criteria:<sup>1</sup>

- An undergraduate degree from an accredited four-year institution in any field
- A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher from your most recent degree completed<sup>2</sup>
- International applicants: minimum TOEFL or IELTS scores<sup>3</sup>
  1. While we encourage our students to meet the minimum criteria, failure to meet one may be offset by strengths in other areas, as determined by the Graduate Program Committee.
  2. Please submit an academic performance explanation if your GPA was lower than 3.0.
  3. A minimum Internet-based TOEFL score of 86 or a minimum IELTS score of 6.5 or a minimum of PTE score of 58 is required for all certificates except Accounting Ethics and Auditing, which requires a minimum Internet-based TOEFL score of 95 or minimum IELTS score of 7.0.

#### 2 Complete Online Application

Complete the [online graduate application](#) and pay the nonrefundable application processing fee (payable online). As soon as you have completed the required information, please submit your application. Your application will not be reviewed until it is complete and all required materials have been received.

- Choose “Business Information Systems (Certificate) – Distance” when choosing the Program of Study. (Note: You must first select “Certificate” at the top.)

#### 3 Request Transcripts

Request one official transcript of all collegiate work completed from every institution attended, whether or not you received a degree from those institutions. Transcripts from Colorado State University are not required. Official transcripts can either be mailed in or sent as e-transcripts.

Send e-transcripts to: [gradadmissions@colostate.edu](mailto:gradadmissions@colostate.edu)

Send paper copies to:  
Graduate Admissions  
Colorado State University – Office of Admissions  
1062 Campus Delivery  
Fort Collins, CO 80523-1062

### Check Your Application Status

View your [application status](#) at any time to ensure your application checklist is complete or to check on updates. Once your complete application, including supporting materials, is received, the department admission committee will review your application and notify you of their decision.

### International Students

See [website](#) for test score and transcript requirements.