



MIS Newsletter

Spring 2012

<http://www.ship.edu/business/mis/>

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I. MIS Faculty News:

Dr. Catanio: Had his most recent research paper, “The Effects of Project Management Certification on the Triple Constraint”, accepted for publication in the International Journal of Information Technology Project Management. A similar topic, “PMP® Certification and the Triple Constraint: Does Certification Matter?” was also presented at the Academy of Business Disciplines Annual Conference in Florida, November, 2011. This research was a collaborative effort with Dr. Gary Armstrong and Dr. Joanne Tucker. Dr. Catanio has also been involved in the Undergraduate Research Grant program. Together with John Catanio their research titled “Commercial IT Project Management Certification Training” will be presented at the Celebration of Student Research Conference in April 2012. In addition, Dr. Catanio working together with Anna Bruno launched the new MIS website <http://www.ship.edu/business/mis/>

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Dr. Dao: Had two research papers accepted for publication: 1) Paper titled “An Examination of the Symbiosis between Corporations and Society with Lessons for Management Education and Practice” was accepted for publication in the Global Virtue Ethics Review, 2) Paper titled “Innovating Firms’ Strategic Signaling along the Innovation Life Cycle: The Standards War Context” was accepted for publication in the Journal of Technology and Engineering Management.

Dr. Marsh: Took a day’s training session at the FBI Regional Computer Forensics Lab in Philadelphia recently.

II. Scheduling Information for Summer/Fall 2012

The scheduling process for summer and fall will start on March 26th, shortly after you come back from the Spring break. It is essential that you take this process seriously otherwise you may end up completing the wrong courses and thus delay your graduation. You should already have a program plan that was developed in your Foundations course which outlines the specific courses and semesters in which you are to enroll in the business core and specific major courses.

Note: As a business major you must earn a “C” or better in both English 106 and MAT 140 (or a “C” or better in MAT 181). The Foundations of Business Administration (BSN101) is to be taken during the freshmen year.

Group Advisement Meetings for Summer & Fall 2012 Scheduling:

Wednesday, March 7th, 12:00 noon - 12:30pm - GRH302

Tuesday, March 20th, 3:30pm - 4:00pm – GRH302

Please plan to attend one of these sessions in order to receive your PIN for & Fall scheduling. If you cannot attend either session being offered, be sure to see your advisor during office hours to get your PIN.

Further information on scheduling can be found at:

http://www.ship.edu/Registrar/Undergraduate_Scheduling/

You can find your assigned advisor in the table below:

Student Last Name Initial	Advisor	Office Location in Grove Hall and	Office Phone Number
A-B & T-Z	Dr. Catanio	119	x1526
C-E	Dr. Marsh	336	x1766
F-M	Dr. Dao	315	x1415
N-S	Dr. Danesh	237	x1674

Check their office door for office hours and/or appointment sign-up sheets. Do not call to make an appointment unless you do so during office hours.

MIS courses

Below are the courses to be offered during the Summer and Fall 2011 semesters:

Summer 12	Fall 12
ISM142: Term III (online)	ISM 142
ISM300: Term III (online)	ISM 240
*ISS510 (May-June)	ISM 300
*MBA547 (July to August)	ISM 344
	ISM 355
	ISM 393

*offered for MIS Graduate Certificate

Please note that ISM240, 344, 355, classes are offered only in the fall semester. ISM340 and ISM 242 are offered only in the spring semester.

III. Internships

Although an internship is optional in your program, an internship would be very helpful to your job search. Given the competitive nature of the job market during the current economic condition and that many organizations seek individuals with some amount of work experience; you will put yourself in a much better competitive position by completing an internship. In fact, many interns were eventually hired to full-time positions.

You are highly encouraged to **take at least one internship before graduating**. You can start arranging for an internship after finishing your sophomore year. Juniors and seniors in the John L. Grove College of Business who are in good academic standing are eligible to participate in the Business Internship Program. Interns do major related work in business or the professions for free elective credit during the academic year or during the summer.

Suggested timeline

Students usually do their internship during the summer between junior and senior year. Bellow is a suggested time line for juniors during the spring Semester:

- Late Fall semester/ Early Spring semester: Prepare your resume
- Have your resume reviewed by experts in the University's Career Development Center
- Register with the College o Business's Internship Office and attend workshops to find potential internships
- Send your applications and prepare for interviews

A **professionally prepared resume** is a cornerstone of a successful search for an internship or a job after graduation. It is critical that you start preparing your resume well before applying for your internships of jobs. The University's Career Development Center offers services that assist students in developing and implementing their career plans, among the services offered are workshops on resume preparation. You can check the Center's website for more information at <http://webspace.ship.edu/career/index.html>.

For more information on business internship, you can contact:

Director: Justin English	Grove Hall 317
Secretary: Melanie Lugo	Grove Hall 324
Office Hours: Monday - Friday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 1:00-4:30 PM
Telephone: 717-477-1140	Email: bip@ship.edu

IV. MIS Club

You are strongly recommended to join the MIS Club. As a member, you will benefit from participating in different club activities and gain opportunities to network with future employers for internship and

full-time job opportunities. More information about the club can be found on the club's website at <http://webspace.ship.edu/misclub/>.

Career Fair

The MIS Club had their Bi-Annual Career Fair on March 6th at the Ceddia Union Building. Over 75 students from MIS and various majors attended the fair to pursue internship and job opportunities. The Career Fair was a great success. Representatives from the following organizations participated in the fair: TE Connectivity, PA Department of Industry & Labor, Target, Deloitte, Global Data Consultants, Highmark, Concurrent Technologies Corporation, Shippensburg University IT Center.



V. IT Jobs Updated

IT jobs rated best jobs in 2012

Each year, U.S. News compiles a list of the Best Careers based on the Labor Department's employment projections. The careers are chosen based on a set of criteria, including factors such as professions that should hire abundantly over the coming years, income, etc. Among the top 10 careers chosen this year in U.S. News Best Jobs of 2012 report, 5 are IT-related. These careers are

- **No. 2:** Software Developer
- **No. 5:** Database Administrator
- **No. 6:** Web Developer
- **No. 7:** Computer Systems Analyst
- **No. 9:** Computer Programmer

More information can be found at: <http://tinyurl.com/7klx3gv>

IT salaries growth reflects positive changes in the IT job market

A recent report by CIO magazine has highlighted increased salaries for IT professions, even during this economic time. The reports highlights that since IT has increasingly be an integral part of companies' business strategy, companies are looking toward their IT departments to drive innovation and make them more competitive. As a result, people in IT are no longer expected to be just focusing on the technical aspects of their jobs. Increasingly, companies now want IT to be part of the dialog, part of the innovation cycle. IT is becoming more of a strategic partner inside companies, and because of that, there's more demand for IT professionals, particularly those who can combine solid technical skills with business knowledge to help companies create IT-based solutions for various business problems.

More information can be found at: <http://tinyurl.com/845ngrf>

Top business skills every IT pro must master

As a result of stronger role of IT in helping companies to innovate and develop business strategies, other recent reports of CIO magazine has highlighted important business skills that every IT professional must master. Among these, business knowledge and inter-personal skills have emerged as critical success factors to ambitious IT professionals. The top skills are listed below:

- Knowledge of Business Basics
- Experience With Systems Integration
- The Ability to Work on a Team
- Understanding the company's business and operating models
- Emerging Technologies Expertise
- The Tech Basics
- Familiarity With Legacy Systems

More information can be found in the following links: <http://tinyurl.com/8yfsen9> and <http://tinyurl.com/7m7be7u>

VI. Graduate Certificate in Management Information Systems (MIS)

Shippensburg University is now offering a Management Information Systems graduate certificate. This is a 12-credit program for working professionals who have an undergraduate degree and who seek to upgrade their management and/or technical skill sets in order to become more fluent in a technologically challenging environment. Students can complete this certificate by attending class one night a week for one year, and by taking one course at a time. Locations include Shippensburg or Harrisburg. Students can also use two of the four courses as the MBA electives if they choose to pursue the MBA program at Shippensburg. <http://webspace.ship.edu/mis/MISCert.pdf>

VII. Useful Links

Ship College Central

<http://www.collegecentral.com/ship/>

Ship Career Development Center

<http://www.ship.edu/career/>

<http://www.ship.edu/Career/Calendar/>

http://www.ship.edu/Career/Job_Search/

http://www.ship.edu/Career/Resume_Tips_and_Strategies/

http://www.ship.edu/Career/Cover_Letters_and_Written_Correspondence/

http://www.ship.edu/Career/Interviewing_Tips_and_Strategies/

COB Internships

http://www.ship.edu/Business/Internships/Business_Internships/

IT Jobs in PA

http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/jobseekers/11372/open_state_and_local_government_career_opportunities/590498#IT

PA Civil Service

http://www.scsc.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/civil_service_home/9164

Federal Jobs

http://www.ship.edu/Career/Federal_Employment/

MSDN Software Library

http://msdn07.e-academy.com/elms/Storefront/Home.aspx?campus=su_ami