



A Course of Study for

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Computer Information Systems managers oversee a variety of administrative, clerical, and accounting functions necessary to efficiently run and maintain computerized business systems. Office workers use a variety of software to produce correspondence, maintain databases, manage projects, organize meetings, manage financial records, and create presentations. Students focusing on Web applications attain the skills to professionally design, develop, and manage websites.

This major may also lead to many other careers. For additional career possibilities, visit the Career Services Center on the main campus to utilize computerized career information systems and other valuable career resources.

PROGRAMS OFFERED

- Transfer Preparation

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Associate Degrees

- Business Information Worker 1
- Computer Business Applications
- Website Software Specialist

Certificates of Achievement

- Business Information Worker 1
- Computer Business Applications
- Digital Publishing
- Social Media Assistant
- Website Software Specialist

Department Certificates

- Website Creator
- Website Development Management

ASSOCIATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

An Associate degree is granted upon successful completion of a program of study with a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (C) and a minimum of **60 degree applicable semester units**, including:

- Completion of the area of emphasis with a grade of C or higher in each course, or with a P if the course was taken on a Pass/No Pass basis, and the P is equal to a C or higher;
- Completion of at least 50% of area of emphasis units at Santa Monica College;
- Completion of one of the following general education patterns: SMC GE, CSU GE, or IGETC;
- Completion of the SMC Global Citizenship graduation requirement.

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT REQUIREMENTS

A Certificate of Achievement is granted upon successful completion of a program of study with a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (C) and a **designated minimum number of units**, including:

- Completion of the area of emphasis with a grade of C or higher in each course, or with a P if the course was taken on a Pass/No Pass basis, and the P is equal to a C or higher;
- Completion of at least 50% of area of emphasis units at Santa Monica College;

DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

A Department Certificate is granted upon successful completion of a program of study with a **designated minimum number of units**, including:

- Completion of the area of emphasis with a grade of C or higher in each course, or with a P if the course was taken on a Pass/No Pass basis, and the P is equal to a C or higher;
- Completion of at least 50% of area of emphasis units at Santa Monica College;

Note: Department Certificates are not noted on student transcripts. Students must submit a petition to the relevant academic department to be awarded a Department Certificate.

CATALOG RIGHTS

A student may satisfy the requirements of a degree that were in effect at any time of the student's **continuous** enrollment. Continuous enrollment is defined as enrolment in consecutive Fall and Spring semesters until completion.

TRANSFER PREPARATION

Students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university should refer to the transfer preparation information under Business.

BUSINESS INFORMATION WORKER 1, ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

The Business Information Worker (BIW) program prepares students for entry-level office and administrative support in a variety of job positions, including general office clerks, retail salespersons, customer service representatives, receptionists, and information clerks. Students learn basic oral and written communications, basic computer application skills, including beginning Excel, Word, and Outlook, and the fundamentals of computer systems. Graduates of this program bring critical thinking and problem solving skills as well as interpersonal skills essential to the workplace. With a solid foundation in Microsoft Windows and Office, as well as strong digital and web literacy skills, students will be prepared to meet the workforce demands of today's business environment.

Program Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of the program, students will: Demonstrate proficiency in Windows, Microsoft Office applications, as well as strong digital and web literacy skills.

Apply professional communication techniques in an office environment.

Employ interpersonal and critical thinking skills as well as problem solving.

AREA OF EMPHASIS: (21 UNITS)

Required Courses: (21 units)

- BUS 32**, Business Communications (3)
- BUS 62**, Human Relations and Ethical Issues in Business (3)
- CIS 1**, Introduction to Computer Information Systems (3)
- CIS 30**, Microsoft Excel (3)
- CIS 37**, Microsoft Word (3)
- CIS 39**, MS Outlook – Comprehensive Course
- OFTECH 1**, Keyboarding I (3)

COMPUTER BUSINESS APPLICATIONS, ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

The core of this program provides advanced computer skills and business concepts that can be applied in nearly every industry. Students will learn to use Microsoft Office products, as well as other computer software applications, that can be applied in business situations to create, edit, format, and publish documents, spreadsheets, presentations, and databases.

Students can select from three specializations within the Computer Business Applications program:

- Social Media Specialist students will be introduced to the finer points of the most popular social media applications, including search engine optimization, HTML and Web design.
- Office Finance Specialist students will develop the skills necessary to handle basic accounting and bookkeeping procedures for small businesses.
- Microsoft Office Specialist students will develop additional expertise in each of the Microsoft Office applications. This specialization assists in preparation for the Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) certification exams.

Program Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of the program, students will be able to analyze different types of business information, use the Internet to support findings, and use software applications to produce various business reports and presentations used in industry of concentration area.

AREA OF EMPHASIS: (30 UNITS)

Required Courses: (21 units)

- BUS 1**, Introduction to Business (3)
- CIS 1**, Computer Concepts with Applications (3)
- CIS 4**, Business Information Systems with Applications (3)
- CIS 37**, Microsoft Word (3)
- CIS 39**, Microsoft Outlook – Comprehensive Course (3)
- OFTECH 5**, English Skills for the Office (3)

- OFTECH 1**, Keyboarding I (3)

or

- OFTECH 10**, Skill Building on the Keyboard (3)

Complete 1 of the following specialization tracks listed below based on career interest: (9 units)

TRACK 1: Social Media Specialist

- CIS 50**, Internet, HTML, and Web Design (3)
- CIS 67**, WordPress (3)
- CIS 70**, Social Media Applications (3)

TRACK 2: Office Finance Specialist

- CIS 30**, Microsoft Excel (3)
- CIS 35A**, QuickBooks Desktop (3) *(formerly same as ACCTG 35)*

- ACCTG 1**, Introduction to Financial Accounting (5)

or

- ACCTG 21**, Business Bookkeeping (3)

TRACK 3: Microsoft Office Specialist

- CIS 30**, Microsoft Excel (3)
- CIS 32**, Microsoft Access (3)
- CIS 38**, Microsoft PowerPoint (3)

DIGITAL PUBLISHING, CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

This program provides students with specific skills that make them job ready for the publishing industry, whether it is for printing or the web. Digital Publishing Specialists use Adobe Acrobat, Adobe Photoshop, InDesign, and Illustrator programs, along with Microsoft Word and Microsoft PowerPoint, to format and combine text, numeral data, photographs, charts, drawings, and other visual graphic elements to produce digital and/or printed publication-ready materials.

Program Learning Outcomes: Given client data, students will utilize marketing research tools, apply creative techniques, choose and utilize appropriate software program(s) and analyze and solve graphic design and page layout problems to produce an effective publication. Working as a member of a Digital Publishing team, demonstrate professional work habits, meet scheduled timeline milestones and deadlines, and communicate effectively via oral presentations and written documents.

AREA OF EMPHASIS (20 UNITS)

Required Courses: (19 units)

- CIS 36M, Adobe Acrobat (1)
- CIS 37, Microsoft Word (3)
- CIS 38, Microsoft PowerPoint (3)
- CIS 40, InDesign (3)
- CIS 60A, Photoshop I (3)
- CIS 64, Illustrator (3)
- OFTECH 5, English Skills For The Office (3)

Select one unit from the following keyboarding courses: (1 unit minimum)

- OFTECH 1, Keyboarding I (3)
- OFTECH 1A, Keyboarding 1A (1)
- OFTECH 1B, Keyboarding 1B (1)
- OFTECH 1C, Keyboarding 1C (1)
- OFTECH 9, Keyboarding Improvement (1)
- OFTECH 10, Skill Building On The Keyboard (3)

SOCIAL MEDIA ASSISTANT, CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Social media has revolutionized the way businesses interact with consumers. This program is designed to give students an understanding of the concepts involved in marketing and the role social media plays in advertising, public relations, branding, and corporate communication strategies.

Students will gain practical skills and learn the latest technical tools in social media through various projects and other assignments.

Program Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of the program, students will demonstrate the difference between social media platforms, including functionality, target audience, and intended use.

Upon completion of the program, students will determine with social media platforms are best for their business and examine recent changes associated with popular social media platforms.

AREA OF EMPHASIS (15 UNITS)

Required Courses:

- BUS 34, Introduction to Social Media Marketing (3)
- CIS 50, Internet, HTML, and Web Design (3)
- CIS 51, HTML5, CSS3, and Accessibility (3)
- CIS 60A, Photoshop I (3)
- CIS 70, Social Media Applications (3)

WEBSITE SOFTWARE SPECIALIST, ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

A Website Software Specialist designs, develops, and manages websites with the skills needed to be successful in today's job market. A Website Software Specialist needs to be knowledgeable in variety of Internet technologies (HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and server-side scripting), as well as web-authoring applications such as Dreamweaver, Photoshop, and WordPress. These specialists are primarily responsible for developing user friendly and interactive webpages, integrating and optimizing different multimedia components, and implementing hosting, publishing, and development workflow strategies.

Program Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of the program, students will learn a variety of Internet technologies and web-authoring tools for website development and maintenance. Students will gain the necessary knowledge and skills for designing, developing, and managing websites.

AREA OF EMPHASIS: (31 UNITS)

Required Courses:

- CIS 1, Computer Concepts with Applications (3)
- CIS 50, Internet, HTML, and Web Design (3)
- CIS 51, HTML5, CSS3, and Accessibility (3)
- CIS 54, Web Development and Scripting (3)
- CIS 55, Advanced Webpage Development and Scripting (3)
- CIS 57, Website Planning and Production (3)
- CIS 59A, Dreamweaver I (3)
- CIS 60A, Photoshop I (3)
- CIS 67, WordPress (3)
- CIS 70, Social Media Applications (3)
- CIS 88A, Independent Studies in CIS (1)

WEBSITE CREATOR, DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATE

This certificate provides students with the basic skills needed to create websites. Students will use Web authoring programs for Web page creation and site management. They will extend their skills in the development of websites through the use of XHTML, cascading style sheets, and client and server-side scripting. Focus will be on the creation of effective user interfaces and website design principles using various state-of-the-art technologies for the Web. Upon completing this certificate, students will be ready to plan, build, promote, and maintain professional websites.

AREA OF EMPHASIS: (15 UNITS)

Required Courses:

- CIS 50, Internet, HTML, and Web Design (3)
- CIS 51, HTML5, CSS3, and Accessibility (3)
- CIS 54, Web Development and Scripting I (3)
- CIS 59A, Dreamweaver I (3)
- CIS 60A, Photoshop I (3)

WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATE

This program provides students with the knowledge needed to develop website projects in a real-world setting. Students learn how to develop websites while applying the skills needed to plan and budget resources in development projects from conceptual design to deployment.

Program Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of the program, students will apply the principles of Project Management to plan schedules and manage cost and resources to lead website development projects to success. Students will demonstrate their comprehensive knowledge of website development by creating and managing a portfolio of Web and Social Media projects.

AREA OF EMPHASIS: (13 UNITS)**Required Courses:**

- CIS 9A**, Technology Project Management I (3) *(same as CS 9A)*
- CIS 9B**, Technology Project Management II (3) *(same as CS 9B)*
- CIS 56**, Web Media Production (3)
- CIS 57**, Website Planning and Production (3)
- CIS 88A**, Independent Studies in CIS (1)