Master of Science in Information Systems (MSIS) Degree Program
Admissions Guidelines
Fogelman College of Business and Economics
The University of Memphis
(updated Spring 2024)

The Fogelman MSIS degree program is designed to encourage a broad range of students to consider applying for admission. Students with many different backgrounds choose our program including both professional and academic. Whether you are just completing an undergraduate degree or have been in the workforce for a while, the Fogelman MSIS program may be the right choice for you.

Criteria for admission:

A strong application will reflect the following:

- A bachelor’s degree with a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or better (on a 4.0 scale).
- A postgraduate degree (master’s or terminal) with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better (also on a 4.0 scale).
- A completed Fogelman graduate certificate in MIS with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better.
- A proven working career in the IT field of 5 or more years of work in the IT field and a bachelor’s degree with a minimum GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.

Note #1: Applicants who meet the above minimum GPA requirements are not required to submit standardized test scores. Additional options for applicants not meeting the above guidelines for admission are defined below and include submission of standardized test scores from GRE or GMAT.

Note #2: All transcripts and related institutions are reviewed by the graduate school for confirmation relative to our admissions criteria.

Additional options for admission (contingent on GRE/GMAT):

- Prospective students with a bachelor’s degree with a cumulative GPA of 2.75-3.25 (on a 4.0 scale) will also be considered for admission with appropriate GRE or GMAT scores. (See details below.)
- Prospective students with a post-graduate degree with a cumulative GPA of 2.75-3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) will also be considered for admission with appropriate GRE or GMAT scores. (See details below.)
GRE/GMAT scoring guidelines for admission:

If an applicant is required to submit standardize test scores, below are the minimum requirements for admission:

- GRE: 300 or better (overall score)
- GMAT (traditional): 450 or better (overall score)
- GMAT (new/Focus): 455 or better (overall score)

English Proficiency (when applicable):

Proficiency at full communication using English is a central element of success in the MSIS program. For admission purposes, the MSIS program adheres to the University’s Graduate School Minimum Standards regarding English language skills. In those instances where a student is required to present evidence of English proficiency, the MSIS program accepts the following sources and minimum scores:

- Duolingo (English) - Overall minimum of 110 with no sub-score below 90
- TOEFL - Overall minimum of 80 with no sub-score below 20 (Online version) or 550 for the paper version.
- IELTS - Overall minimum of 6.5 with no sub-score below 6.0
- PTE (Pearson) - Overall minimum of 59

Application Deadlines:

**Fall** Semester Start:

- Application Submission Date: May 1st
- F1 students: Recommended Immigration Documentation Completion: July 1st

**Spring** Semester Start:

- Application Submission Date: December 1st
- F1 students: Recommended Immigration Documentation Completion: January 1st

**Summer** Semester Start:

- Application Submission Date: February 1st
- F1 students: Recommended Immigration Documentation Completion: April 1st
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