

# Bachelor of Arts in Information Management and Systems

## Frequently Asked Questions

Prospective students often ask how long the **Bachelor of Arts in Information Management and Systems** takes to complete, what the program costs and if financial aid is available, and if the degree is awarded through USC Upstate.

You can find answers to these questions below.

- Completion time varies based on accumulated credits in general education and other courses required for the major. The degree requires 120 credit hours. It is up to the student and advisor to decide the appropriate number of hours to take each semester.
- Students are eligible to receive applicable federal and state financial aid assistance. Current fees and tuition rates can be viewed at [www.palmettocollege.sc.edu](http://www.palmettocollege.sc.edu).
- The degree is awarded by the University of South Carolina Upstate and meets the same rigorous standards and accreditation as any traditional degree from UofSC.

## Prepare for Your Future

The Bachelor of Arts in Information Management and Systems at USC Upstate prepares students to be analysts, problem solvers, managers and user advocates in the information technology field. Analysis and design, database technology, networking, software development and hardware are included in the curriculum.

Informatics is the study of information: what information is, where it comes from, how to obtain it, store it, process it, manage it, analyze it and transform it to a higher-value form to improve data-driven decision-making in a range of industries and settings.

## Why should I complete a bachelor's degree in information management and systems?

Through the bachelor's degree in information management and systems, our graduates are prepared to work in a variety of roles ranging from business analysis, project management, information resources management, information technology support, customer-facing roles such as sales/marketing, and content development for Internet-based resources.

## Why should I complete a degree online from USC Upstate through Palmetto College?

USC Upstate is the #1 ranked public baccalaureate university in South Carolina and the South's best college for veterans. As a Palmetto College student, you'll have access to USC Upstate's academic resources and enjoy a flexible schedule without having to relocate. And best of all, when you're finished with the program, you'll graduate with a degree from a top-notch, nationally recognized university.

## For More Information

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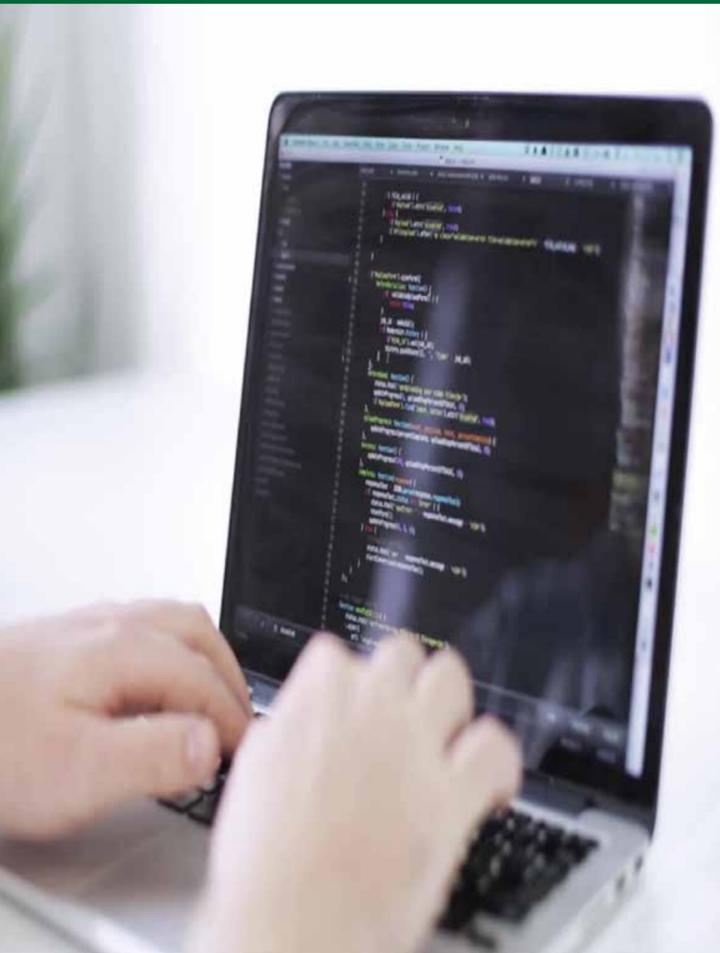
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Information professionals provide leadership for an information-driven world.



South Carolina needs 10 times the number of qualified multidisciplinary information technology professionals than are being produced today. Today, every department in an organization is dependent on information technology and management.

## Prerequisites and Requirements

**To apply for this online degree program, students must have:**

- Preferred 2.5 cumulative GPA in all previous college-level coursework
- Students transferring credits into the program are encouraged to have completed the following courses:
  - Two courses in Composition
  - College Algebra (or Calculus) and Statistics
  - Public Speaking
  - Two Natural Sciences, one with a lab
  - Information Technology
  - Fine Arts/Humanities
  - World or U.S. History
  - Behavioral Science
  - One course in world language, or placement above the introductory level
  - Two General Education electives

## Curriculum

Our information management and systems program integrates an understanding of computer technology, information management, information processing technology, communications, and information resources administration.

**The curriculum includes coursework in the following disciplines:**

- IT Foundation - **12 credit hours**
- IT Management - **6 credit hours**
- Informatics - **6 credit hours**
- Capstone Courses - **3 credit hours**
- Technical Writing and Electives - **6 credit hours**
- Network and Database Technology - **12 credit hours**
- Digital Media and Communication - **9 credit hours**
- Various aspects of information technology (data security, information systems, administration, and other topical electives) - **6 credit hours**