Bridge Program for Applied Analytics

Master's Degree

The accelerated bachelor’s to master’s program in Applied Analytics (BS/MS) is designed for working professionals wishing to pursue a bachelor’s degree in Computer Information Systems and professional Master’s degree while maintaining part- or full-time employment. With courses offered in online and blended formats in an accelerated 8-week term, this bridge program makes advanced education more accessible for working professionals.

As part of their undergraduate studies, Computer Information System majors at SPS can take up to four courses that can be applied toward both the bachelor’s and master’s programs.

Students can take two classes (6 credit hours at the undergraduate level) that will count toward completion of both the undergraduate degree and the M.S. degree, pending acceptance into the program. In addition, students may request permission to take up to two of the graduate-level Applied Analytics courses as part of their undergraduate education (this applies to students in any online program at SPS as well).

If accepted to the Applied Analytics program, these two courses would be applied toward the degree completion requirements. The student must possess a 3.0 GPA in his/her major and minor coursework taken at SPS in order to be granted permission to take these graduate level courses.

Once completed, up to 12 credit hours will be applied to the 36-credit-hour professional master’s degree in Applied Analytics, leaving only 24 credit hours to completion and saving students time and money.

M.S. IN APPLIED ANALYTICS

Information technology (IT) has revolutionized society and created industries that are vital to the world’s economy, stability and to human life. As a result of this growth and development, organizations are now presented with new opportunities and avenues for using IT to achieve their strategic objectives. The master’s degree in applied analytics capitalizes upon these new opportunities and provides professionals with an education relevant to advancing their career. Applied analytics combines the interaction of technology with the human and organizational structures to support knowledge discovery, management and dissemination.

* Students should take either ORLD 5000 or 5010, ORLD 5020, and ORLD 5030. Ask your advisor or program director for clarification.

* No course in the major will be accepted toward graduation if the student receives a letter grade below “C”. Any student who fails a course two times may be dismissed from the Computer Information Systems major/minor or certificate program.
Admission Requirements

All students must apply directly to and be accepted into the School for Professional Studies in order to enroll in the program. Once admitted, students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the major, minor/certificate and master’s-level coursework in order to register for the master’s-level courses and advance in the Master’s in Applied Analytics bridge program. Per the current standards, no transfer course is accepted toward the master’s degree if a student receives a letter grade below “B.”

- AGE: 22 YEARS OR OLDER (EXCEPTIONS MAY BE MADE ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS)
- WORK EXPERIENCE: AT LEAST 3 YEARS OR THE EQUIVALENT
- EDUCATION: HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR COMPOSITE GED SCORE OF AT LEAST 2250
- INTERVIEW: SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF AN ADMISSION MEETING WITH AN ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR. THIS CAN BE DONE OVER THE PHONE OR ON CAMPUS
- GRADE POINT AVERAGE: A MINIMUM TRANSFER CUMULATIVE GPA OF 2.5 (UNLESS QUALIFIED FOR CONDITIONAL ADMITTANCE)

Credit for Prior Learning / Transfer Credits

We now provide several options for our adult students to receive credit for prior learning from the following areas:

1. Transfer credits from other accredited institutions
2. College Level Examination Program (CLEP) testing
3. DSST testing (formerly DANTES testing)
4. Industry certifications with an external accreditor (such as an association or agency) in which the certification is received upon successful completion of a test
5. Credit that is approved by the American Council of Education (ACE)

The number of total transfer credit hours (across all forms of prior learning) cannot exceed those permitted by Saint Louis University, SPS, or the specific program to which the credit will be counted.

Tuition

SLU for Busy Adults offers affordable tuition that is comparable to other institutions in St. Louis. Courses in the School for Professional Studies meet the same quality standards of the traditional day school at SLU. When you graduate, you graduate with a degree from Saint Louis University for nearly half the cost.

- UNDERGRADUATE: $620 PER CREDIT HOUR
- GRADUATE: $760 PER CREDIT HOUR

Dollars and Sense

We strive to make quality higher education accessible to students of all economic means. In addition to offering a reduced tuition rate, SPS offers numerous scholarships and awards specifically for new students. See the full list of scholarships at: www.slu.edu/x23497.xml.

SPS also offers budget payment plans and a deferred payment option for students whose employers reimburse tuition costs after completion of a course. More information can be found at: www.slu.edu/x10990.xml.

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