INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS, MINOR

Program Description
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What is Information Systems and Statistical Analysis?
The ISSA minor focuses on the use of information systems and statistical methods for the solution of human problems. This minor is applicable to any major throughout the University and enhances the student’s preparedness for graduate, research and career opportunities. Students in this minor will develop skills in information management and productivity systems, Internet-based information and communication services, and statistical analysis and interpretation. Upon completion of this minor, the student should have a firm grounding in the use of these technologies and their application to practical problems involving the management and utilization of information.

Program Requirements

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A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the minor, as specified by Senate Policy 59-10 (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/59-00-minors-and-certificates/#59-10).

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Supporting Courses and Related Areas
Select 9 credits (at least 3 credits at the 400 level) in consultation with the adviser of courses focusing on information systems or computer science

1 No more than 6 credits may be selected in computer science.
Contact person in charge of the minor for list of appropriate courses.

Academic Advising
The objectives of the university’s academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of both in-and out-of class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers.

Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The advisee’s unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary academic adviser, the information need to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy)

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Liberal Arts Academic Advising
814-865-2545
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http://www.la.psu.edu/current-students/undergraduate-students/advising/advisers-by-major

Career Paths
CAS students are change makers: analysts, strategists, persuaders, facilitators, collaborators, connectors, and scholars. The CAS minor serves as a valuable supplement to a wide array of majors, and helps to equip students for success in the work force, graduate school, and civic life. CAS courses provide students with the theories, methods, practical tools, and experiences to understand the roots of social conflict and the sources of well-being.

Careers
A CAS undergraduate minor helps to prepare students for careers in academics, law, sales, corporate communication, health and human services, community activism, and digital technology. Students graduating from CAS studies may work as analysts, strategists, facilitators, collaborators, or negotiators.

MORE INFORMATION (http://cas.la.psu.edu/undergraduate/hiring-cas-majors)

Opportunities for Graduate Studies
The CAS minors supplement a wide variety of major fields in its preparation of students for graduate study in communication science or rhetoric, as well as in law, public policy, behavioral science, health and human services, human development, business, social work, and other related fields.

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