

Tips for Freshman

1. Be sure to pay attention to course prerequisites and try to follow the CIS Academic Map.
2. Try to concentrate on general education course requirements but be sure to take MATH 1630 or 1810 by the end of your freshman year (30 hours). Failure to complete this requirement may delay graduation.
3. Be aware of admission requirements to the College of Business (COB).
4. Consult with an advisor. COB majors have access to 2 different types of advisors within the college.
 - a. COB Advisors –These are general COB advisors that advise all the different majors in the college. They are very knowledgeable about transfer credits, general education course requirements, and COB core course requirements (those required of all majors in the college).
 - b. CIS Faculty Advisors – This will be an individual CIS faculty advisor assigned specifically to you. Their focus is more on career advising and CIS course requirements but they are knowledgeable in the same areas as your COB advisors.
5. Consider joining the student chapter of Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP). This is a good way to connect with other CIS majors and network with potential future employers.
6. Think of things you can do during your college career to make you attractive to potential employers. This could include joining and becoming an officer in campus organizations like AITP, internships, part time work in the field, volunteer work, etc. There is always competition for the best jobs and it is never too early to begin preparing for your job search.



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Tips for Sophomores

1. Continue to pay attention to course prerequisites and try to follow the CIS Academic Map.
2. Continue concentration on General Education course requirements but be sure to complete the four courses required for admission to the College of Business (COB) by the end of your sophomore year. These are ACTG 2110, ECON 2410, ECON 2420, and QM 2610. A minimum GPA of 2.25 is required in these four courses as well as a 2.25 GPA on all college level coursework.
3. Be sure to complete INFS 2600 by the end of your sophomore year as well. Failure to complete these courses by the end of your sophomore year may delay your graduation.
4. Try to take QM 3620 in the next semester after completing QM 2610.
5. Try to take INFS 3400 in the next semester after completing INFS 2600.
6. If you haven't done so already, consider joining the student chapter of Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP). This is a good way to connect with other CIS majors and network with potential future employers.
7. Continue to work on adding items to your resume.

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Tips for Juniors

1. Continue to pay attention to course prerequisites and try to follow the CIS Academic Map. For example, BLAW 3400, BCEN 3510, FIN 3010, INFS 3100, MGMT 3610, and MKT 3820 are all prerequisites for BUAD 4980.
2. You should have completed the four courses required (ACTG 2110, ECON 2410, ECON 2420, and QM 2610) and been admitted to the College of Business by now. If not, concentrate on completing admission requirements as soon as possible.
3. College of Business courses that may be taken without admission to the college are BCEN 3510, BLAW 3400, FIN 3010, INFS 3100, MGMT 3610, and MKT 3820.
4. Focus on completing INFS 3400, INFS 3800, and at least one INFS Elective during your junior year.
5. Consider an Internship. This is a good way to get real world experience and potentially a “foot in the door” for a job.
6. If you haven’t done so already, consider joining the student chapter of Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP). This is a good way to connect with other CIS majors and network with potential future employers.
7. During priority registration when two semesters are remaining for graduation, complete upper-division and Intent to Graduate forms and file them with College of Business coordinators
8. Continue to work on adding items to your resume.

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Tips for Seniors

1. Continue to pay attention to course prerequisites and try to follow the CIS Academic Map.
2. Check to make sure you have completed the pre-requisites for INFS 4950.
3. If you haven't done so already, consider joining the student chapter of Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP). This is a good way to connect with other CIS majors and network with potential future employers.
4. Continue to work on adding items to your resume.