

# Dual Degree: Master of Science - Hotel Administration & Master of Science - Management Information Systems

## Plan Description

The William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration and the Lee School of Business MIS department, offer a Master of Science – Hotel Administration and Master of Science – Management Information Systems (MS HOA / MS MIS) dual degree program. It is designed for students who seek careers and leadership opportunities in the hospitality industry with a focus on information technology and management information systems. The program provides students with the skills, knowledge, and tools needed to become visionary and creative leaders in information technology in the hospitality industry.

The program includes 48-credits and the student will receive both, an MS HOA and an MS MIS degree. The MS MIS degree (24 credits) helps students develop critical skills in information technology systems analysis and design. The MS HOA degree (24 credits) helps students acquire knowledge specific to the management of hospitality operations. HOA courses are accepted as hours of elective towards the MS MIS degree and MIS courses are accepted as hours of elective towards the HOA degree. This program will take at least three years (six semesters) to complete. The completion of a professional paper is included in the credit total.

For more information about your program, including your graduate program handbook and learning outcomes, please visit the Degree Directory.

## Plan Admission Requirements

### Application deadlines

Applications available on the UNLV Graduate College website.

All domestic and international applicants must review and follow the Graduate College Admission and Registration Requirements. The admission requirements for the dual degree are the same as those stated under the MS MIS and MS HOA programs. Dual MS MIS applicants may take the GRE or the GMAT. All dual degree program applicants are required to show that they have at least one year of full-time management/supervisory experience or three years of cumulative full-time front-line experience in the hospitality industry.

See the Application Process section under the MS MIS and the MS HOA programs. Applications will be reviewed by representatives of the William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration and the Lee Business School in an independent process within each college. Applicants must be admitted to both schools to qualify for the dual degree program for that term. If denied by one program, the applicant will have the option of proceeding with a single degree program with departmental approval.

Students are accepted into a degree program as described in the Graduate Catalog. The faculty and corresponding sub-disciplines and sub-plans within the described programs are subject to change at any time.

## Plan Requirements

### Subplan 1 Requirements: Professional Paper Track

Total Credits Required: 48

### Course Requirements

Total Credits Required for the Hotel Administration M.S.: 24

#### Required Courses – Credits: 15

HOA 705 Financial Analysis for the Service Industries	3
HOA 711 Laws of Innkeeping and Food Service	3
HOA 731 Operational Analysis in Hospitality Management	3
HOA 735 Research Methodology	3
HOA 740 Marketing Systems	3

#### Elective Courses – Credits: 6

Students must complete an additional 6 hours of HOA graduate-level courses (500, 600, or 700).

#### Professional Paper – Credits: 3

HOA 788R Professional Paper	3
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Total Credits Required for the Management Information Systems M.S.: 24

#### Required Courses – Credits: 18

MIS 744 Information Systems Strategy	3
MIS 746 Information Systems Project Management	3
MIS 762 Systems Analysis, Modeling and Design	3
MIS 764 Electronic Commerce	3
MIS 766 Data Management	3
MIS 781 Client Project	3

## Electives – Credits: 6

Complete 6 credits of electives from any 600/700-level course offered by the Lee Business School.

## Degree Requirements

1. Completion of a minimum of 24 credits of MS HOA courses and a minimum of 24 credits of MS MIS courses.
2. A grade point average of at least 3.00 for course work required for the degree.
3. No grade lower than C is acceptable.
4. With approval of the MS MIS program graduate coordinator, required MIS courses may be substituted with elective courses to avoid duplication of a student's previous course work and to address the needs of the student's specific career choice.
5. Students with unsatisfactory progress toward the degree requirements are subject to dismissal. A student with a grade of C or lower in any of the required courses for the degree will be put on probation for one semester. Conditions and deadlines for the removal of probation will be specified. Failure to meet the condition will result in departure from the program. A student with two grades of C or lower will be dropped from the program.
6. The Hotel Administration portion of the dual degree program requires successful completion of a professional paper that must adhere to the standards in the American Psychological Association's current publication manual regarding writing style and format. This paper must be completed at the end of the dual program and examine a topic relating to Information Technology in Hospitality.

## Graduation Requirements

1. Students cannot graduate from one portion of the dual degree until the requirements for both are met. Students must apply to graduate from both programs for the same semester.
2. The student must submit all required forms to the Graduate College and then apply for graduation from both degrees up to two semesters prior to completing his/her degree

requirements.

3. Successfully complete a professional paper.

## Subplan 2 Requirements: Thesis Track

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### Thesis - Credits: 6

HOA 789R Thesis	3 – 6
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6. In consultation with his/her advisor, a student will organize a thesis committee of at least three departmental members and a fourth member from outside the department, known as the Graduate College Representative. An additional committee member may be added at the student and department's discretion. Please see Graduate College policy for committee appointment guidelines.

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4. The student must submit and successfully defend his/her thesis by the posted deadline. The defense must be advertised and is open to the public.

5. After the thesis defense, the student must electronically submit a properly formatted PDF copy of their thesis to the Graduate College for format check. Once the thesis format has been approved by the Graduate College, the student will submit the approved electronic version to the ProQuest. Deadlines for thesis defenses, format check submissions, and final ProQuest submission can be here here (please link "here" to this address: <https://www.unlv.edu/graduatecollege/graduation-deadlines>).