



College of Management

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Dear Members of the Center of Excellence Review Committee,

The criteria to become a Center of Excellence require that there are full-time faculty with a focus in Information Assurance with varying combinations of number of courses taught, research, and graduate advising. The following faculty in the College of Management, Management Information Systems curriculum unit meet the strictest interpretation of the criteria (i.e., "Full-time faculty may be defined as a professor dedicated to teaching three IA courses per semester, or two IA courses with research, or one IA course with research and with advisees at Master and Doctoral Level.").

Steve Creason, MBA, J.D., directs the Information Assurance program. He teaches Distributed System Design and Management, MIS Auditing and Security Controls, Network Security and Convergence Issues, Introduction to Information Assurance, Administration of the IT Function and Legal Environment in MIS. He also advises graduate and undergraduate students, and conducts research.

Dr. Narasimha Paravastu teaches in the Information Assurance Program. He teaches programming, Introduction of Information Assurance, Telecommunications Management and Databases.

The faculty in the College of Management, Management Information Systems curriculum unit supports a B.A.S. in Information Assurance, a B.S. in Management with an MIS concentration, a Masters Certificate in Information Assurance and a Masters in Management Information Systems. Many of the courses taught in the MIS curriculum unit involve topics specified in National Training Standard for Information Systems Security (INFOSEC) Professionals (http://www.cnss.gov/Assets/pdf/nstissi_4011.pdf). Every year, the following faculty would teach at least one course in the indicated topics.

David Bouchard, Ph.D., teaches Problem Formulation and IT Risk. He is the curriculum director of the Masters of Management Information Systems and advises graduate and undergraduate students, and conducts research.

David Bahn, Ph.D., teaches courses in Supply Chain Management, Management Information Systems and directs the undergraduate MIS curriculum. He also, advises graduate and undergraduate students, and conducts research.

The following adjunct faculty members teach related courses as indicated:

1. Art Christofferson, Adjunct Faculty Member (MIS), Teaches MIS Auditing and Accounting Information Systems in Fall and Spring semesters.
2. Fredrick Pothoff, Adjunct Faculty Member (MIS), Teaches MIS Capstone and ERP every Fall and Spring semester. He also teaches the Fundamentals in Information Technology in the Organization as needed.
3. Rahoul Ghose, Adjunct Faculty Member (Information and Computer Sciences), Teaches Introduction to Management Information Systems, in Fall and Spring semesters.
4. Firasat Khan, Adjunct Faculty Member (MIS), Teaches Fundamentals in Information Technology in the Organization, in Fall and Spring semesters.
5. Ted Wallerstedt, Adjunct Faculty Member (MIS), Teaches MIS Auditing and Accounting Information Systems in Fall and Spring semesters.

We are very proud of the programs we offer in the College of Management. Please feel welcome to contact me if I can provide any additional information. I can be reached at gary.seiler@metrostate.edu , 612-659-7256.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Seiler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gary Seiler, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Management