# Master Information Systems Management - BIDA Accelerated Master’s Program

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<td>Academic requirement</td>
<td>• Chatham undergraduate students</td>
<td>• Strong academic background</td>
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<td>• Most undergraduate requirements completed</td>
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<td>Apply Junior Year</td>
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## Standard Application Materials

1. **Application Deadline**  
   - January 10th, 11:55pm

2. **Application**  
   - Apply online: [https://apply.heinz.cmu.edu/apply/](https://apply.heinz.cmu.edu/apply/)

3. **2 Letters of Recommendation**  
   - At least one (1) of your recommenders should be from Chatham faculty and one (1) should know you in a professional setting (full-time employment, internship, part-time employment, research, non-academic extracurricular activity, etc.) You may opt to have up to three (3) recommendations submitted in support of your application.

4. **Official Transcript(s)**  
   - Your official Chatham transcript must be delivered to the Heinz College. If applicable, an unofficial transcript from all other colleges/universities attended, regardless of whether a degree was obtained, should be uploaded to the online application system.

5. **Statement of Purpose**  
   - An essay describing your interest in this field and how your experience and proposed study will help you reach your career goals

6. **Resume**  
   - A current resume with your education information, work experience (including internships and hourly positions) and extracurricular information

7. **GRE/GMAT**  
   - For the 2022 admission cycle, submission of GRE/GMAT test results will be **optional but strongly recommended**.

8. **Signed AMP Form**  
   - Completed Undergraduate Course Requirements form (AMP form) with advisor’s signature

9. **Required Interview**  
   - Interviews are required. You must Contact the Admissions Office by phone to schedule your interview. Schedule as soon as possible. (Please plan to have your interview completed before winter break – schedule ahead!) Call 412.268.2164

## Chatham AMP Specific Admission Policies

10. **Bachelor’s Degree**  
    - The completed bachelor’s degree requirement is waived for AMP applicants

## MISM-BIDA Degree Requirements

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<th>Units required</th>
<th>162 units are required to complete the MISM-BIDA program</th>
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<td>Undergrad units toward the MISM-BIDA degree</td>
<td>Up to 24 units of undergraduate classes completed while enrolled in the MISM-BIDA program may be transferred and counted toward the required 162 units. Courses should be upper division and relevant to the content of the MISM-BIDA degree. A <strong>grade of B or better</strong> must be earned in order to count the units toward the MISM-BIDA degree.</td>
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<td>Units remaining</td>
<td>At least 138 MISM-BIDA units of coursework would remain to be completed</td>
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<td>Some MISM-BIDA courses may fulfill undergraduate requirements. You should discuss this with your undergraduate advisor.</td>
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<td>Prerequisite Coursework</td>
<td>At least 1 college level programming course must be successfully completed prior to enrolling in the program (first semester of AMP program). Prerequisite course grades should be a “B” or higher.</td>
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<td>Internship</td>
<td>Successful completion of an approved summer internship</td>
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## Financial Aid Information

- Financial aid for your senior year (first year at Heinz) will continue as it has in prior years
- Undergraduate students do not qualify for Heinz MISM-BIDA financial aid
- Students will qualify for aid in the final two semesters of the MISM-BIDA - AMP (after having completed a Bachelor’s degree)

Financial Aid contact: David Eber, deber@andrew.cmu.edu
Schedule

Accelerated master’s students are required to enroll in 24 units (equal to 2 full-semester classes) at Heinz College each semester of their senior year. Students will be required to complete a cross-registration form (PCHE) through Chatham University. Students will work with their Heinz College Program Director to determine which Heinz College courses to register for each semester.

Benefits

- You will complete two semesters of coursework as an integrated undergraduate-graduate student before graduating with a Bachelor’s degree in May
- You will be able to complete an internship in the summer following your senior year
- Completing your internship prior to starting the final two semesters will allow you to have more work experience to discuss with recruiters visiting campus during the fall semester
- You will be eligible for MISM-BIDA financial aid in the final two semesters of the program (after having completed a Bachelor’s degree)
- You may be able to exempt certain Heinz courses with units earned in undergraduate coursework which would give you more flexibility in course selection. The undergraduate courses that qualify you to exempt a Heinz course are reviewed each academic year.

Contact Information:

David Eber (deber@cmu.edu)  Admissions Office – To Schedule Required Interview
Executive Director of Admissions & Financial Aid  Please call (412) 268 – 2164
Hamburg Hall, Room 1101  hnzadmit@andrew.cmu.edu

Sean Beggs (sbeggs@andrew.cmu.edu)
Director of MISM Program
Hamburg Hall, Room 1104
Accelerated Master’s Program (AMP) Undergraduate Course Requirements Form

This form is required as part of the Application for admission.
*** Once completed and signed by your advisor – UPLOAD to your online Application for Admission***

All students applying to the AMP must complete this form (with their advisor’s signature), listing their undergraduate degree requirements (specific courses that are required, electives AND any other credits required to complete their bachelor’s degree) that will be remaining prior to enrolling at Heinz College (at the start of the fall semester of their senior year).

Chatham University undergraduate students are eligible to apply for admission to the AMP only if the student will have the ability to enroll in the necessary number of graduate courses during their senior year:

• MISM-BIDA: 48 UNITS TOTAL MUST BE TAKEN THE FIRST YEAR (24 UNITS EACH SEMESTER)

Chatham University undergraduate students are eligible to “double count” certain undergraduate coursework towards their master’s degree requirements. The following applies to courses taken during their senior year, while enrolled in the AMP, with their master’s program director’s approval, and assuming an upper division course of grade B or higher:

• MISM-BIDA: 24 UNITS OR LESS

Student Name: ______________________________________________________

Student Undergraduate Major: ___________________________________________

# of credits required to complete bachelor’s degree= _______________

# of credits remaining (at the start of senior year) to graduate= ____________

Please legibly list the remaining required courses you need to take in order to complete your undergraduate degree, what semester you plan to take them during your senior year, and how many units you will earn for each course:

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<th>Course #</th>
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Advisor Name: ________________________________

Advisor Signature: ______________________________ Date: ____________

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