



NEW PROGRAM PROPOSAL FORM

Sponsoring Institution(s): Maryville University of St. Louis

Program Title: Software Development

Degree/Certificate: Master of Science

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Delivery Site(s): Online

CIP Classification: 11.0202 Computer Programming

*CIP code can be cross-referenced with programs offered in your region on MDHE's program inventory highered.mo.gov/ProgramInventory/search.jsp

Implementation Date: 8/28/2017

Cooperative Partners: None

*If this is a collaborative program, form CL must be included with this proposal

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STUDENT ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

Year	1	2	3	4	5
Full Time	5	15	30	50	75
Part Time	5	15	30	50	75
Total	10	30	60	100	150

Please provide a rationale regarding how student enrollment projections were calculated:

The enrollment projections are conservatively based on typical program starts at Maryville. Additionally, the numbers reflect input given to the program by industry leaders and recruitment professionals. The numbers above reflect total student enrollment.

Provide a rationale for proposing this program, including evidence of market demand and societal need supported by research:

As part of the new program approval process, Maryville gathered market information that shows graduate programming degrees are on the rise at both the national and local levels. Maryville also gathered information from the Bureau of Labor and Statistics that showed this field is projected to grow 17% within the next decade. Maryville reviewed literature and lengthy discussion as well with leaders in the industry. Maryville's MS in Software Development will train individuals in skills to become local, regional, and national needs for open software positions across a multitude of industries.



PROGRAM STRUCTURE

A. Total credits required for graduation: 30 credit hours

B. Residency requirements, if any: 0

C. General education: Total credits: 0

Courses (specific courses OR distribution area and credits):

Course Number	Credits	Course Title

D. Major requirements: Total credits: 30 credit hours

Course Number	Credits	Course Title
SWDV-600	3	Intro to Coding
SWDV-610	3	Data Structure
SWDV-620	3	Web Applications
SWDV-630	3	Object Orientated Coding
SWDV-640	3	User Interface Design
SWDV-650	3	Agile Analysis and Design
SWDV-655	3	Database Management
SWDV-660	3	Software Analysis, Design, and Management
SWDV-670	3	Advanced Topics in Coding
SWDV-691	3	Coding Capstone

E. Free elective credits:

0 credit hours

(Sum of C, D, and E should equal A.)

F. Requirements for thesis, internship or other capstone experience:

Students are required to complete the capstone course as the last course in the curriculum. This course draws upon previous topics covered in the curriculum via a final project.

G. Any unique features such as interdepartmental cooperation:

Not applicable.



PROGRAM CHARACTERISTICS AND PERFORMANCE GOALS

Institution Name Maryville University of St. Louis
Program Name MS in Software Development
Date 1/11/2017

(Although all of the following guidelines may not be applicable to the proposed program, please carefully consider the elements in each area and respond as completely as possible in the format below. Quantification of performance goals should be included wherever possible.)

1. Student Preparation

- Any special admissions procedures or student qualifications required for this program which exceed regular university admissions, standards, e.g., ACT score, completion of core curriculum, portfolio, personal interview, etc. Please note if no special preparation will be required.
If students do not have an undergraduate degree in a business related field, students will be required to complete BUS-501:Survey of Business (1 cr).
- Characteristics of a specific population to be served, if applicable.
No special characteristics.

2. Faculty Characteristics

- Any special requirements (degree status, training, etc.) for assignment of teaching for this degree/certificate.
A terminal degree in information technology, computer science, or a related field is preferred. Faculty must have a minimum of a Master's degree in information technology, computer science, or a related field; and a certification applicable to the course being taught. Prior teaching experience and relevant business experience are required.
- Estimated percentage of credit hours that will be assigned to full time faculty. Please use the term "full time faculty" (and not FTE) in your descriptions here.
It is estimated that 20% of the credit hours will be instructed by full time faculty.
- Expectations for professional activities, special student contact, teaching/learning innovation.
Faculty teaching in the program will be expected to serve as student advisors and mentors, be available for regular office hours, and engage in ongoing professional development and scholarly activity in the field. Additionally, they will be innovative with technology applications in the information technology field.

3. Enrollment Projections

- Student FTE majoring in program by the end of five years.

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100 FTE

- Percent of full time and part time enrollment by the end of five years.
50% Full-time and 50% part time enrollment by end of five years.

4. Student and Program Outcomes

- Number of graduates per annum at three and five years after implementation.
35 graduates 3 years after implementation. 80 graduates five years after implementation.
- Special skills specific to the program.
Software programming, software analysis and design.
- Proportion of students who will achieve licensing, certification, or registration.
Not Applicable.
- Performance on national and/or local assessments, e.g., percent of students scoring above the 50th percentile on normed tests; percent of students achieving minimal cut-scores on criterion-referenced tests. Include expected results on assessments of general education and on exit assessments in a particular discipline as well as the name of any nationally recognized assessments used.
Not Applicable.
- Placement rates in related fields, in other fields, unemployed.
No data is currently available since the program has not begun, although Bureau of Labor Statistics reviewed prior to program development indicate that available positions in the field will grow 17% within the next decade. This, coupled with our high success rate in job placement for students within the School of Business, gives strength to future placement rates for these students.
- Transfer rates, continuous study.
Students will be able to transfer up to 6 graduate credits into the program although transfers are expected to be minimal.

5. Program Accreditation

- Institutional plans for accreditation, if applicable, including accrediting agency and timeline. **If there are no plans to seek specialized accreditation, please provide a rationale.**
All Maryville programs are regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. John E. Simon School of Business programs are accredited by ACBSP (Accrediting Council for Business Schools and Programs). The School received 10 year reaccreditation in June 2012. There are no plans to seek specialized accreditation beyond the ACBSP accreditation.

6. Alumni and Employer Survey

- Expected satisfaction rates for alumni, *including timing and method of surveys.*

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Alumni will be surveyed 2 years and 5 years after graduation using Qualtrix survey software. It is expected that 90% of students will express satisfaction with the program and program outcomes.

- Expected satisfaction rates for employers, including timing and method of surveys. Employers will be surveyed annually, and it is expected that 95% of the employers will be satisfied with the program and skill levels of our graduates.

7. Institutional Characteristics

- Characteristics demonstrating why your institution is particularly well-equipped to support the program.

Maryville employs full time faculty with area expertise and has created numerous corporate partnerships, of which many will yield knowledgeable, skilled adjunct faculty for the program, all in an effort to expose our students to a variety of perspectives on topics within this program. Additionally, Maryville has sought to build a technological infrastructure that will meet or exceed the requirements necessary to support this program.