

SWOSU Offering New Information Systems Degree Program

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University is now offering a new Bachelor of Science degree program in information systems.

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education recently approved the program that will be operated through the Department of Computer Science and Information Systems in the School of Computer Science and Technology. The first set of students is expected to graduate with the new degree in May, 2006.

Associate Dean Dr. Harpal Dhillon said the new information systems degree program is a very significant addition to the curriculum at SWOSU. The job market for graduates in the information systems areas is expected to grow for the next 10 years.

The information systems program at SWOSU will emphasize specialties that should make SWOSU graduates attractive to potential employers, according to Dhillon. These specialties include computer/information security, networking and telecommunications, and web-based applications (e.g., e-commerce, telemedicine, and distance learning).

At SWOSU, the Center for Telemedicine and Web-based Distance Learning will enable information systems students to gain real-world hands-on experience before they enter the job market.

Dr. Dhillon anticipates a significant increase in the enrollment in computer science/information systems as a result of the new degree program. Computer security laboratories and a software quality assurance facility are now being set up to cater to the learning needs of the students in the information systems program.

Additional information is available by calling Dhillon at 580.774.3201.