About the Major:
Information Systems (IS) is the study of how technology can be used to solve business problems and create new business opportunities. IS focuses on how people, business processes and technology interact to meet an organization’s goals. The IS program at UWEC is unique in that it provides two emphases: business analysis and systems development. The two emphases enable students to tailor their academic preparation to align with their career choice. The IS program at UWEC has about a 95% placement rate for students working in the IS field.

IS is a comprehensive major and does not require a minor. Students often pursue a minor to gain further expertise in the contextual area in which they will be applying their IS skills. Although many students pursue COB minors (e.g., Accounting, Finance, Management or Marketing), students also pursue minors from disciplines across campus.

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Required GE or University Courses:
General Education (GE) classes should be taken throughout a student's undergraduate program. This will add some variety to the course load in the junior and senior years when most of the business administration and business classes will be taken.

Students should refer to the General Education and College of Business Proficiency Requirements table in the College of Business section of the University Catalog.

**Category IA:** CJ 202
**Category IB:** Math 111 or its equivalent; Math 246

**Category II:** (9 to 12 credits) Students must complete either: two courses from List A, or one course from List A and one course from List B. If a third course is needed, any GE-II course can be used. List A and B can be found in the catalog.

**Category III:** (9 to 12 credits) ECON 103 and 104 are required as part of the College of Business admission requirements. Students must select a third GE III course from the approved list in the catalog.

**Category IV:** (minimum 9 credits) No specific courses are required. Students are required to complete courses in two of the five subcategories.

**University Requirements:** Foreign Language/Culture, Cultural Diversity, Wellness Theory, and Physical Activity. See catalog for specific details.

Information Systems Student Organization:
The Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP) student organization is to provide a community network for IT business professionals to reach their true potential by providing education programs for advancing technology and business skills, leadership development opportunities, networking, peer mentoring and knowledge sharing, and online resources.

The AITP student group meets at least semi-monthly. Meetings generally include a speaker from industry. Students are encouraged to join AITP early in their academic career in order to provide more opportunities for networking with industry representatives.

For more information, please see http://www.uwec.edu/aitp/.
Admission:
College of Business admission criteria: To be eligible for admission, a student must meet all of the following criteria:

- Complete the following five courses with at least a 2.2 Grade Point Average (GPA): **ACCT 201, ACCT 202, ECON 103, ECON 104, IS 240**.
- Present a 2.6 or higher GPA in all undergraduate work completed prior to admission.
  - Transfer students must have at least a 2.0 GPA on all UW-Eau Claire coursework they have completed.
- Complete 54 credits.
- Complete the Student Professional Development Program.
  - The Student Professional Development Program is a series of four, non-credit workshops designed to give business students the skills they need to present themselves in a professional manner throughout their career.
  - The workshops are a graduation requirement for all College of Business majors.
  - Students are required to take all four workshops prior to applying for admission to the College of Business. Multiple workshops will be offered in the fall and spring semesters.
  - For questions about the Student Professional Development program, email spdp@uwec.edu.
  - For more online information, see http://www.uwec.edu/COB/undergraduate/SPDP/index.htm.

Courses Not Recommended for the First Semester Freshman Year:
Neither ACCT 201 nor IS 240.

College of Business Laptop Initiative:
Students in certain business classes must provide their own laptop when one is required for in-class use. This includes most IS courses.

Notes:
Students may enroll in IS 290 (Introduction to Database Applications), IS 304 (Fundamentals of Business Programming), IS 310 (Systems Analysis and Design), and IS 345 (Networking with Client Operating Systems) before admission to the College. Consult the Catalog for specific requirements.

Many juniors and seniors complete an internship experience and earn academic credit toward their major while gaining practical IS experience. All IS credit-based internships are paid. Most IS internships pay very well.

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This guide complements rather than substitutes for individual advising.
For more information and to declare this major:
http://www.uwec.edu/COB/departments/is/programs/majors.htm