

**REVIEW OF 2008-2009 STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE DIVISION OF
COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT MONTICELLO**

Mission, Role, and Scope

The mission of the Division of Computer Information Systems is to support the mission of the University of Arkansas at Monticello by focusing on the undergraduate educational needs of computer information system students in southeast Arkansas and the region. The Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems is designed to prepare students to assume dynamic roles as analysts and designers who will provide the professional insight required for building the information systems of the future. A Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems, a minor in Computer Information Systems, and an Advanced Certificate in Computer Information Systems for post-baccalaureates in other disciplines are offered. The Division is governed by the university's accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Support goals from Enhancement of Resources focus:

Recruit, develop, and retain a quality faculty and staff.
Build partnerships through networking and collaboration.
Enhance the University's image, visibility, and influence.
Enhance the research environment for faculty and students.
Improve internal and external communications.
Improve employment opportunities.
Develop internal and external resources.
Recruit, retain and graduate students.

Short-Range Objectives

1. To continue to develop computer-related continuing education classes.
Move to Intermediate Range Objectives (still lack university plan)
2. To provide corporate computer training.
Delete, lack of viable corporations in area
3. To continue to obtain more CIS scholarship monies.
Received two endowments (one scholarship and one for operations support)
4. To communicate with area K-12 computing instructors.
We have discussed a get-acquainted meeting with SEARK Coop and instructors at Drew Central and Woodlawn.

Intermediate-Range Objectives

1. To construct a “semi-smart” classroom in the CIS spaces.
Completed converting lecture classrooms to “semi-smart” status
2. To establish a CIS Advisory Council.
Recruiting possible Council members
3. To increase alumni participation in college activities.
We have 5-6 alumni (from Houston area) who attended homecoming
4. To develop a high school computing competition.
No action, carry forward
5. To develop funding sources for program expansion.
No action, remove due to current economic situation

Long-Range Objectives

1. To build a dedicated CIS facility to allow program expansion.
No action, carry forward
2. To develop an Information Technology degree program.
No action, carry forward
3. To develop a Computer Education degree program.
No action, carry forward
4. To develop funding sources for faculty development and research.
No action, carry forward
5. To develop funding sources for student research and conference participation.
No action, carry forward

Support goals from Enhancement of Academics focus:

Improve academic quality standards.

Share academic opportunities across units.

Increase opportunities for faculty/student research and creative activities and increase experimental and service learning opportunities.

Improve internal and external communications.

Provide the latest technology to our students and faculty.

Utilize our Colleges of Technology to offer technical programs to all campuses.

Accommodate the diverse needs of students.

Enhance UAM’s image.

Short-Range Objectives

1. To continue to update software and hardware teaching resources.
Upgraded to Windows Vista and upgraded associated software
2. To develop resources for student World Wide Web publishing.
Purchased web development software

Intermediate-Range Objectives

1. To develop new courses and teaching laboratories.
Funding and space issues, tri-annual employer surveys continuing
2. To develop funding sources for faculty training.
Working
3. To develop a graduate assistantship program with UALR.
Delete, no interest at UALR
4. To develop K-12 service courses in computing.
No action, carry forward
5. To develop faculty-student research projects.
No action, carry forward

Long-Range Objectives

1. To develop collaborative research projects with units and/or universities.
Looking for opportunities
2. To employ additional faculty with specialized skills.
Delete, no need in near future
3. To develop a program to upgrade faculty credentials.
No action, carry forward
4. To develop funding sources for the faculty credential upgrade program.
No action, carry forward
5. To pursue CIS program accreditation through ABET.
No action, carry forward
6. To develop a CIS post-graduate program.
No action, carry forward

Support goals from Enhancement of Quality of Life focus:

Accommodate the diverse needs of students.
Develop and implement a comprehensive student retention plan.
Promote healthy lifestyles for students, employees, and communities.

Short-Range Objectives

1. To continue to promote CIS Club membership to CIS Majors and Minors.
Fall membership drive successful
2. To expand the guest speaker program for CIS students.
One guest speaker and one field trip
3. To continue to increase student participation in community activities.
Successful Spring and Fall food drives, Successful Angel Tree promotion

Intermediate-Range Objectives

1. To develop funding sources to increase sponsored student travel opportunities.
CIS club holding bakes sales
2. To improve faculty-student participation in intramural activities.
Participated in Pumpkin and Spirit Wall
3. To develop a CIS day program to allow students to interact with graduates.
No action, carry forward

Long-Range Objectives

1. To relocate CIS study area to a larger expanded space.
No action, no available space
2. To develop a CIS faculty lounge-conference space.
No action, no available space
3. To develop a student-based mentoring program for CIS majors and minors.
No actions, discussions continuing