

Effective with the fall 2010 quarter, the CIS Department will begin to use Server 2008 as the core operating system in its Network Manager and Microsoft Security Specialist areas of concentration. These changes are made in order to keep our curriculum in line with the newest supported Server operating system and to align those degrees with the Microsoft Certified Information Technology Professional (MCITP) designation.

It is the department's commitment to allow those students already enrolled in those programs to complete the course work as previously defined. Therefore, during the 2010-11 academic year students will be able to choose to continue with the previously defined degree requirements or elect the new requirements. For example, the CIS273 and CIS274 courses will be offered in two forms, one using Server 2003 and corresponding to Microsoft certification exams 70-291 and 70-294 respectively. Alternatively, beginning in the fall of 2010, students could elect CIS273 and CIS274 using Server 2008. Other existing courses will continue to be offered as previously done. Those courses will correspond to certification exams 70-642 and 70-640 respectively. Students should use care to enroll in the section of their choice. Several new courses (CIS212, CIS213 and CIS214) will be offered as well. Those courses will correspond to certification exams 70-643, 70-647 and 70-646, respectively.

These new and revised courses will help students prepare for the certification exams that can lead to the MCITP designation from Microsoft. Students completing either of these degree programs and achieving the MCITP should be well prepared to enter the exciting field of networking.

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