B.S. in INFORMATION SYSTEMS
MAJOR FIELD ASSESSMENT

MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of the College of Business and Information System is to educate and prepare students to be life-long learners and professionals in business, information systems, computer science, business and computer education, and health information management. Inherent in the educational process is challenging individuals to develop information management skills, to think logically, and to make sound decisions. Information technology is integrated throughout the curriculum. This emphasis on information technology and faculty expertise provide the foundation for Dakota State University’s Center of Excellence.

GOAL STATEMENT: Graduates of the program will be knowledgeable in the use of technology as a problem-solving tool and will be prepared for entry level positions in business, government, etc. Potential positions include (but are not limited to) business analyst, change analyst, infrastructure analyst, software development, web development, and database administration.

Information Systems graduates will:

1. Be prepared for entry-level positions in business, government, etc.
   a. Students will be well-prepared academically for their first position in the career field.
      1) Graduate Survey: 70% of graduates will indicate that DSU contributed to their knowledge of their academic area as it relates to their job.
      2) Employer Survey: 80% of employers will rate the graduates as good or very good in knowledge of their academic area as it relates to his/her position.
      3) Major-field Assessment Test: 60% of graduates taking the internally developed assessment test will score above average or higher.
   b. Graduates will find ready employment in the field.
      1) Placement Results: 80% of the information systems graduates registered with the DSU Placement Office will find employment or be accepted for graduate programs within four months of graduation.
      2) Employer Survey: 80% of employers will indicate that DSU graduates need the “usual” or “less than the usual” additional training after graduation.
2. **Be knowledgeable and competent users of computer technology.**

   a. Graduates will be competent and knowledgeable users of applications software programs.

      1) Major-field Assessment Test: 60% of graduates taking the internally developed assessment test will score above average or higher.

      2) Employer Survey: 80% of employers will rate DSU graduates as good or very good in their ability to use computer software.

   b. Graduates will be competent and knowledgeable computer programmers.

      1) Employer Survey: 80% of employers will rate DSU graduates’ overall computer knowledge as good or very good.

      2) Graduate Survey: 70% of DSU graduates will indicate they are satisfied or very satisfied with their overall computer knowledge.