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DOCTOR OF SCIENCE IN
COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

1992-1993 Catalog

CENTER FOR COMPUTER
AND INFORMATION SCIENCES
Nova University Mission

Nova University provides educational programs of distinction from prekindergarten through the doctoral level at times and in locations convenient to students, prepares students for leadership roles in business and the professions, encourages research and community service; and fosters an atmosphere of creativity and innovation utilizing technology where appropriate.

Center Mission

Nova University's Center for Computer and Information Sciences (CCIS) is committed to the education of practicing professionals. The mission of the Center is to provide quality education, utilizing both traditional and nontraditional instructional delivery systems at the undergraduate and graduate levels in the computer and information sciences.

Nova University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award bachelor's, master's, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees. Nova University admits students of any race, sex, age, color, nondisqualifying handicap, religion or creed, or national or ethnic origin.
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The University

Nova University is a fully accredited, independent institution in its third decade of operation. Nova offers courses of study leading to the bachelor's, master's, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees in computer and information sciences, business, hospitality management, law, education, psychology, physical sciences, and social sciences. The Nova degree programs include a law school, which is approved by the American Bar Association and the Association of American Law Schools; an Oceanography Center; and the School of Psychology, which is accredited by the American Psychological Association. Currently there are more than 11,000 students enrolled throughout all programs and more than 33,000 Nova graduates who work and contribute with distinction to their businesses and professions worldwide. From the beginning, the University has distinguished itself by its innovative outlook, its unique programs that provide both traditional and nontraditional choices in educational programs, and its research in many fields aimed at solving the problems of immediate concern to humankind. Nova University's centers and programs share a common mission—to educate students for leadership roles in a variety of professions. Students develop a sense of professional ethics and responsibility and learn to appreciate the role of the professional as a key individual in society.

Nova programs stress the critical relationship between theory and practice; they reinforce and test classroom experience through applied research and industrial experience as integral parts of academic experience. Nova University extends its resources to provide educational opportunities to working professionals nationwide, with its faculty teaching at corporate and other locations across the country. Nova also delivers programs through a variety of educational technologies, including telecommunications. Nova University is committed to the idea that education should not be timebound or placebound. Through its educational offerings, research projects, and programs of public service, the University encourages the free exchange of ideas and the search for knowledge that is the cornerstone of the academic tradition.

Center for Computer and Information Sciences

Nova University has become a major force in educational innovation. It is distinguished by its commitment to provide quality education to practicing professionals utilizing both traditional and nontraditional delivery systems. Innovation is reflected in the undergraduate and graduate programs offered by the Center for Computer and Information Sciences (CCIS).

Consistent with Nova's philosophy and mission, programs of the Center are designed to provide breadth and depth of knowledge as the basis for a quality education that keeps pace with rapidly changing professional and academic needs. Research activities stress a blend of theory and practice in an applied setting. Today, CCIS faculty and staff serve the educational needs of undergraduate and graduate students throughout the United States.
DOCTOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS
This program offers a course of study leading to the degree of Doctor of Science (Sc.D.) in Computer Information Systems (CIS). The program produces technology-oriented professionals with knowledge in major areas of computer information systems and the ability to develop creative solutions to substantive real-world systems problems. Six major areas require work on a research project to bridge theory and practice.

The format of the Doctor of Science in Computer Information Systems Program is especially well-suited to professionals working in business, government, education, or industry who are involved with the design, implementation, management, maintenance, evaluation, and utilization of computer information systems.

The curriculum integrates information systems and computer science theory, technique, and methodology. Course work in the CIS program focuses on an effective blend of current research and practice.

The four-year program requires courses and applied projects in these major areas:

• Structure of Computer Information Systems
• Database Management Systems
• Data Communications and Computer Networking
• Decision Support Systems
• Human-Computer Interaction
• Software Engineering
• Statistics, Research, and Design
• Artificial Intelligence

CURRICULUM
In addition to allowing working professionals to pursue a systematic program of graduate study, the courses, research projects, and dissertation are specifically oriented toward the direct application of theory to professional practice.

The 68-semester-hour program (48 semester hours of which are required subject courses and project courses) may be completed in four years, although students have seven years to complete the program requirements.

PROGRAM FORMAT
The Doctor of Science in Computer Information Systems program operates on six-month semesters. Each student must complete eight core courses, six projects, a qualifying exam, and a dissertation. During the first three years, the student is required to complete six major courses and six related projects. Each semester, one three-credit subject course and its related four-credit course project are taken concurrently. Each course and project requires six months to complete. Each semester, the student attends two seminars at Nova University, completes the requirements for the major course, develops a proposal for the project, and completes the project.

During the fourth year of the program, in addition to the final two courses, the student is required to pass a qualifying examination and present a dissertation. The dissertation is the main focus of the final year of study and is the most important requirement for the Sc.D. degree. Each student is expected, with the help and approval of an advisor, to select an appropriate topic of sufficient scope to satisfy this requirement. Students should produce results that advance knowledge and improve professional practice in the field of computer information systems.

Each Sc.D. candidate is required to attend four seminars per year at Nova University. Seminars are held quarterly, each on an extended weekend (Friday, Saturday, and half-day Sunday). Sc.D. courses are taught by a renowned full-time faculty and by distinguished
computer and information systems professionals who generally hold the doctoral degree. The seminars are intense and demanding. In the months between seminars, students study the course material, complete assignments, read professional literature, prepare project proposals, and complete research papers and applied research projects. Between meetings, students communicate regularly with the faculty via electronic media.

Dissertation results must be sufficiently strong to be accepted for publication in a professional journal in the field. Although such publication is not a requirement for completing the Sc.D. degree, students are strongly encouraged to submit their dissertation research work for publication.

Students are responsible for their own lodging and travel expenses related to the seminars.

FIVE-YEAR COMBINED MASTER'S/DOCTORAL OPTION
The Center for Computer and Information Sciences offers a five-year combined master’s and doctoral option.

Students interested in this option must first be accepted in the master’s program. Once students have completed eight courses (24 credits) in the master’s program with a grade point average of at least 3.25, they may be accepted into the doctoral program. (Students must also fulfill all other doctoral admission requirements.)

Upon acceptance into the doctoral program and after the completion of 14 credits in the doctoral program, the student is awarded the master of science degree. These 14 credits also count toward the doctoral degree, thereby reducing the total time needed to acquire both degrees if they had been taken separately. Once admitted into the doctoral program, students follow the format that pertains to doctoral students. For more information about this option, write to the CCIS Program Office.
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Qualifying Examination (1)
Dissertation Proposal (2): 10 credits
Dissertation Report: 10 credits
Dissertation Defense

(1) The qualifying examination is a written examination administered at the beginning of the student's seventh semester. It covers the material presented in the first six courses.

(2) The dissertation must represent a significant contribution to knowledge in the field of computer information systems.

*Note: The student may enter the program at the beginning of any semester. The course and project in each area are offered only once every four years.

MEETING DATES FOR 1992
October 16, 17, 18 (term beginning)
December 4, 5, 6

MEETING DATES FOR 1993
March 6, 7, 8 (term beginning)
June 5, 6, 7
September 10, 11, 12 (term beginning)
December 3, 4, 5
ADMISSION
The Doctor of Science in Computer Information Systems Program is designed for students with a graduate degree in computer information systems, computer science, or a related area. They must meet the following requirements:

- Have a master's degree from a regionally accredited college or university representing completion of course work that fulfills prerequisites for doctoral work in one of the above areas
- Have a graduate GPA of at least 3.25.
- Have a portfolio with appropriate work experience and credentials
- Provide three letters of recommendation
- Submit a completed application with application fee and official transcripts of all prior graduate and undergraduate work
- Satisfy of graduate prerequisites or equivalent experience in:
  - Information systems
  - Programming languages
  - Database management systems
  - Systems analysis and design
  - Data communications and networks
  - Computer architecture
  - Statistics.

Students not fully satisfying the prerequisites or entry requirements will be asked to make up the deficiencies before being formally admitted to the doctoral program. (At the option of Nova University, students may be admitted on a provisional basis pending completion of prerequisites.)
Academic Information

APPLICATION DEADLINE
Individuals can apply anytime during the academic year. However, it is highly recommended that applicants complete their file for review by the Admissions Committee (see admission requirements) at least three months prior to the desired start date. It is also recommended that applicants check with the Program Office of the Center for Computer and Information Sciences to see that all credentials have been received. Once the applicant's file is complete, the Admissions Committee will review the applicant's file and respond by letter within three weeks after the review.

TIME LIMITATION
A candidate for the doctorate degree is expected to complete the program within seven years from the first registration.

TUITION
Tuition is $6,000 per year. There is a $60 yearly registration fee. Included in the tuition are the course seminars and on-line computer time. Students must purchase their own textbooks. Tuition and fees are subject to change.

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<td>Graduation Fee</td>
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TUITION PAYMENT POLICY
Tuition and fees may be paid by cash, check, money order, credit card or financial aid as authorized on an individual's official award letter. There are three options for tuition payment for those not on financial aid: full payment, installment payments, and deferred payment.

Full Payment
Full payment of tuition can be made at the time of registration with no additional charges required.

Installment Payments
When registering, students may elect an installment payment plan. This plan requires three payments spread over 90 days. The first payment of 50 percent of the total tuition is due at registration, 25 percent is due 60 days after registration, and the remaining 25 percent is due 90 days after registration. The charge for this option is $50 and postdated checks or credit card authorizations for installments must be submitted at the time of registration.

Deferred Payment - Tuition Reimbursement by Employers
The deferred payment policy is for students eligible for company tuition reimbursement benefits. Proof of eligibility must be provided at the time of registration. A student choosing this option will pay 50 percent of the total tuition at the time of registration, with the remaining 50 percent due five weeks after the registration period ends. A deferment fee of $50 must be paid at the time of registration.

Students who are not eligible for employer reimbursement (or who choose not to provide a letter confirming eligibility) continue to have all tuition and fees payable in full at the time of registration or may choose the installment plan.
READMISSION
Individuals on withdrawal status who wish to be readmitted must complete a new application form and be approved for readmission by the Admissions Committee for the Center for Computer and Information Sciences. Students dismissed from the Center for Computer and Information Sciences because of poor academic performance may not be readmitted, as stated in the grading policy.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY
Students who wish to withdraw from the program--either temporarily or permanently--must inform the Admissions Office in writing to be eligible for allowable refunds. Students who give written notice of their intent to withdraw prior to the beginning of a seminar will not be assessed for subsequent courses until they are formally readmitted. Students who are readmitted are subject to the prevailing tuition rate.

REFUNDS
Students notifying the Center of their intention to withdraw from the program prior to the beginning of a new term will be entitled to a full refund of all monies paid, with the exception of the $40 nonrefundable application fee. If an applicant is rejected, all monies will be refunded except the $40 application fee.

Withdrawal Period with a Refund:
Students who wish to receive a refund of tuition upon withdrawal from a term must submit a written request by certified mail to the CCIS Program Office. The following schedule will apply:

- **100 percent refund:** a written request for withdrawal must be received within 14 days after the term begins.
- **50 percent refund:** a written request for withdrawal must be received after the 14th day, but before the 30th day of the beginning of the term.
- **25 percent refund:** a written request for withdrawal must be received after the 30th day of the beginning of a term, but before the 60th day after the term begins.

**NOTE:** The registration fee is nonrefundable; therefore, the adjustments above are for tuition charges only.
Program Administration

PROGRESS RECORDS
The Center for Computer and Information Sciences maintains up-to-date progress records on each student. After each term, the University furnishes students with grade reports showing current status and all work completed and/or attempted.

GRADING SYSTEM
Faculty for the Doctor of Science in Computer Information Systems Program assign grades to courses and projects according to the following system:

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<td>B</td>
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<td>C</td>
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<td>I</td>
<td>Incomplete</td>
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<tr>
<td>W</td>
<td>Withdraw</td>
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Dissertations are assigned grades of Pass (P), No Pass (NP), Incomplete (I), and Withdraw (W).

INCOMPLETE ("I")
An Incomplete indicates that the student has not completed the course requirements and that the instructor has given additional time to do so. An "I" grade is only assigned when there are extenuating circumstances to prevent completion of the course requirements.

Incompletes may be assigned at the discretion of the instructor at the request of the student. Should the instructor choose to assign an Incomplete, a contract must first be completed and signed by the instructor and the student, with the original kept on record in the program office.

WITHDRAW ("W")
A grade of "W" may be assigned when the student officially requests a withdrawal (in writing) from the course, project, or dissertation no later than one month prior to the end of the term. A student may be administratively withdrawn if he or she fails to maintain continuous registration without prior written request and approval from the program director.

ACADEMIC STANDING
The grading policy for the doctor of science degree requires that the student maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0. Failure to meet this requirement will result either in academic probation or dismissal as detailed below. Students who receive two failing grades will be dismissed from the program and may not be readmitted.

PROBATION POLICY
Students failing to achieve a minimum of a 3.0 ("B") grade point average are not eligible to receive the doctoral degree. Should a student's grade point average fall below 3.0 after the initial completion of four courses, he or she is placed on probation. The student is allowed one academic year to bring the grade point average up to the 3.0 minimum. Failure to achieve the minimum at that time results in dismissal from the program.
GRADUATION POLICY
To be eligible for graduation, a student must fulfill the following requirements:

1. Successful completion of eight core courses and six projects with a cumulative GPA of 3.0
2. Successful completion of the qualifying exam
3. Successful completion of a dissertation
4. Completion of a graduation form at the time of registration for the student's final term of course work.

GRIEVANCES
When questions about procedures, decisions, or judgments occur, counseling is available for discussion and resolution of differences. Students may also have recourse to more formal avenues of appeal and redress. An appeals policy is available upon request from the program director.

COMMENCEMENT
A ceremony is held once a year in early summer (usually June) for all Nova University graduate students who have completed graduation requirements within the academic year. In order to participate, students must file a graduation application. There is an additional fee for rental of the cap and gown. Contact the Office of the University Registrar at (305) 475-7400 for additional information.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
International Student Advising Service
(305) 370-5695 or (800) 541-6682, Ext. 5695

An international student applying to Nova University must (1) obtain a student (F) visa or an exchange visitor (J-I) visa (students are not permitted to study in the United States on a visitor (B-2) visa); (2) submit all secondary school and/or college-level transcripts (transcripts must be an official English language translation); (3) demonstrate the ability to meet all costs of his or her education without financial aid from Nova University; (4) purchase medical insurance (J-I visas only); contact the international student advisor for further information concerning insurance; and (5) demonstrate proficiency in the English language by submitting a minimum score of 550 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) exam.

VETERANS' SERVICES AND BENEFITS
(305) 370-5685 or (800) 541-6682, Ext. 5685

Nova University's academic programs are approved for the training of veterans and other eligible persons by the Bureau of State Approval for Veterans' Training, Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs. Eligible veterans and veterans' dependents should contact the Office of the University Registrar, 3301 College Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 33314, or telephone (305) 370-5685 or (800) 541-6682, Ext. 5685.

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION
(305) 475-7411 or (800) 541-6682, Ext. 7411

Nova University offers several programs of financial aid in order to assist the greatest number of its students possible in meeting educational expenses. In order to qualify and remain eligible for financial aid, students must be accepted for admission in a University program; be eligible for continued enrollment; be a U.S. citizen or in the United States for other than a temporary purpose; and be making satisfactory academic progress toward a stated educational objective in accordance with the University's policy on satisfactory progress for financial aid recipients.
General Information

COLLEGE BOOKSTORE
All required textbooks for your course work can be obtained through Nova Books, Inc. (usercode: novabook) located on the main campus. The phone number is (305) 476-4750, or toll free, (800) 541-6682, Ext. 4750.

RESEARCH FACILITIES
The Center's doctoral and master's programs utilize the campus-based fiber-optic network to gain access to various computing resources. Library and other media resources are available electronically to computer-based students through the use of the electronic library and HYTELNET. The UNIX operating system provides a common base for research activities on microcomputers, minicomputers, and superminicomputers throughout the Center. The Center houses a lab of various computing resources, which include AT&T 3B2, Gould Power Node, and DEC RISC-based systems. In addition to the computing resources of the Center, students have access to University computing facilities including DEC minicomputers, IBM PC laboratories, and Apple Macintosh laboratories. Nova is a member of SUReAnet and maintains a T-1 link to the Internet.

INFORMATION RETRIEVAL SERVICE
The IRS does computer searches and is available to all students. The IRS has computer access to ERIC and more than 350 other databases, including many social and behavioral science databases, such as PsycInfo, Sociological Abstracts, and Books in Print. This is a valuable resource for assignments, projects, practicums, and dissertations and is offered free of charge to all enrolled students. Students may contact the IRS online to request a literature search. The usercode is irs. For the online format that the IRS requires for a search, look in the eicbl menu online under the category Information Retrieval Service.

OFF-CAMPUS LIBRARY SERVICES
Off-Campus Library Services (OCLS) is a department of Nova University Libraries that provides off-campus students with most of the library services available on campus. Students may order books, request articles, search catalogs, search indexes, and even talk directly with a reference librarian.

OCLS can be accessed in many different ways. Materials may be ordered by mail, FAX, or toll-free telephone. A voice mail answering machine is available 24 hours a day to take requests when the office is closed. You can also obtain many different services by accessing the Electronic Library through the campus UNIX system. Using a home computer and modem, just type "el" at the UNIX "%" prompt. This will give you full use of all of the OCLS services. If you don't have an account to access the UNIX system, contact the CCIS Program Office.

There is no charge for most of these services. When books are borrowed, the student will have to pay a small charge for third-class (library rate) return postage to return the books. Most requests are filled on the first business day after they are received. All requests are sent out by first-class mail. Books are lent for one month. Periodical copies need not be returned.

To contact OCLS by phone, call toll free (800) 541-6682, Ext. 7508.
CENTER FOR MEDIA AND TECHNOLOGY
Consisting of a TV studio equipped to video record in color, a well-equipped audio studio, and a graphics room, the center provides media production services for students and faculty. The video recording facilities of the studio are used regularly as a means of enriching student learning.

The center houses a growing library of instructional materials such as 16 mm films, videotapes, filmstrips, slide/tape presentations, audiotapes, and kits for student and faculty use. Full A/V equipment services are also available through the center.

STUDENT I.D. CARDS
When you register at Nova, you will be issued a student I.D. card. You will need it in order to check out books from the Einstein Library. Further, a number of businesses in the community will give students discounted rates on a variety of services ranging from movies to dinner if an I.D. card is shown. If you lose your I.D. card or if it is destroyed, please request a new one through the registrar's office. There is an additional fee to replace a lost card.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
The Center for Computer and Information Sciences encourages participation in professional organizations. CCIS students have an excellent opportunity to become involved in several computer student chapters, which include:

- Association of Computing Machinery (ACM)
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
- IEEE Computer Society

Each student organization has a faculty or staff member serving as an advisor and supporter. All students are encouraged to become involved as members of the various organizations or by running for office in these organizations. For additional information, contact the Marketing Department at (800) 541-6682, Ext. 7352 or (305) 475-7352.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION - INTERNATIONAL
Nova University has an active alumni association that is a division of the Office of University Relations and Development. The association is organized on three levels--local, state, and national--that work in concert to provide special programs and other services that promote the professional and intellectual growth of graduates and that maintain communications between graduates and the University. The Office of University Relations and Development also offers a credentials file service. Additional information can be obtained from the Office of University Relations and Development by calling (800) 541-6682, Ext. 7319, or (305) 475-7319.

TRAVEL INFORMATION
Nova University has its own full-service travel agency in the Rosenthal Student Center that can make reservations and issue airline tickets and rental cars. In addition, travel agents can also help make arrangements for trips and vacations. Nova's travel service accepts money orders and major credit cards. The travel staff can be reached at (305) 475-7522 or toll free (800) 541-6682, Ext. 7352.
CCIS Degree Offerings

Doctoral and Professional Degrees
Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in:
Computing Technology
Doctor of Science (Sc.D.) in:
Computer Information Systems
Computer Science
Information Systems

Master's Degrees
Master of Science (M.S.) in:
Computer-Based Learning
Computer Information Systems
Computer Science

Bachelor's Degree
Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in:
Computer Engineering
Computer Information Systems
Computer Science
Computer Systems

FURTHER INFORMATION
To receive further information on the programs described in this catalog, contact the Center for Computer and Information Sciences, Nova University, 3301 College Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33314, (305) 475-7352 or (800) 541-6682, Ext. 7352.
CENTER FOR COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES
FACULTY

Phillip M. Adams, Professor; Ph.D. Nova University. Compilers, artificial intelligence and expert systems, operating systems, systems software, and computer architecture.

Raymond Barrett, Assistant Professor; Ph.D. Florida Atlantic University. Digital signal processing, modeling and simulation, and VLSI design.

Harvey Deitel, Professor; Ph.D. Boston University. Operating systems, open systems, software engineering, computer networks, and object-oriented design.

Jacques Levin, Professor; Ph.D. Université de Grenoble (France). Database management, modeling and decision support systems, and numerical analysis.

Edward Lieblein, Professor; Ph.D. University of Pennsylvania. Software engineering, object-oriented design, programming languages, and automata theory.

Freeman Rawson, Visiting Professor; Ph.D. Stanford University. Operating systems, artificial intelligence and expert systems.

Edward R. Simco, Professor and Dean; Ph.D. Nova University. Numerical analysis, modeling and decision support systems, operations research and statistics.

Junping Sun, Assistant Professor; Ph.D. Wayne State University. Database management systems, object-oriented database systems, and artificial neural networks.

Raisa Szabo, Associate Professor; Ph.D. Budapest Technical Institute. Computer architecture, artificial intelligence and neural networks, robotics and automated systems, and operations research.

Clovis L. Tondo, Visiting Professor; Sc.D. Nova University. Data structures, programming languages, object-oriented programming, and compilers.
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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

DCIS 700 Statistics, Research, and Design (3 credits)
An in-depth treatment of the research and evaluation process including design, measurement, and statistical analysis. Techniques for planning, designing, and conducting research and evaluation projects and collecting and analyzing data using various statistical techniques. Problem-solving methods. Review of statistical analysis software.

DCIS 710 Decision Support Systems (3 credits)
Principles and techniques relating to decision making, systems modeling, and support. Topics include decision theory, simulation, decision support system architecture, constructing a decision support system, executive information systems, and expert systems to support decision making in information systems.

DCIS 720 Human-Computer Interaction (3 credits)
The multidisciplinary dynamics of human-computer interaction, theory of user interfaces and the relationship of user interface design to human-computer interactions, interface quality and evaluation, dimensions of interface variability, strategies for implementing effective human-computer dialogues, and computer-supported cooperative work.

DCIS 730 Structure of Computer Information Systems (3 credits)
Covers major concepts and architecture of computer information systems including information concepts; information flow; types of information systems; the role of information in planning, operations, control, and decision making; and integrated information systems across a range of functional elements.

DCIS 740 Data Communications and Computer Networking (3 credits)
Data transmission encoding, interfacing, synchronization, data-link control, multiplexing, networking, circuit switching, packet switching, radio and satellite networks, local area networks, network access protocols, transport/session/presentation/application protocols, TCP/IP, OSI, and ISDN.

DCIS 750 Database Management Systems (3 credits)
Theory and principles of databases and their management. Design, implementation, and traditional and nontraditional applications of database management systems.

DCIS 760 Artificial Intelligence (3 credits)
Covers the theory of and major approaches to artificial intelligence, including knowledge representation, heuristics, search, learning techniques, tools and techniques for applying artificial intelligence, and knowledge-based expert systems.

DCIS 770 Software Engineering (3 credits)
The development of software-intensive systems, quality factors and principles related to software engineering, system life-cycles, requirements definition and analysis, behavioral specification, design, implementation, verification and validation, system evolution, and project management.

DCIS 800 Advanced Topics and Project in Statistics, Research, and Design (4 credits)
Students complete a statistically-based research project in computer information systems and prepare a research report that includes the following: an account of the research problem and its significance, a review of the literature and related studies, a description of the methods and procedures for data collection and analysis, and an interpretation of the research findings.
DCIS 810 Advanced Topics and Project in Decision Support Systems (4 credits)
Students advance their knowledge through the completion of a research paper or project in the area of decision support systems. Some topics of current interest include comparisons of decision support aids, the relationship between decision support systems and expert systems, DSS hardware and software, group DSS, distributed DSS and data communications, and human problem solving through DSS.

DCIS 820 Advanced Topics and Project in Human-Computer Interaction (4 credits)
Students complete a research paper or project that examines, in depth, a current topic in HCI, such as HCI modeling, interface quality and evaluation, computer system and interface architecture, social aspects of computing, legal and ethical aspects of computing, and computer-supported cooperative work (CSCW).

DCIS 830 Advanced Topics and Project on the Structure of Computer Information Systems (4 credits)
Students pursue a research project, implementation, or simulation study on a current topic in computer information systems. Some topics of current interest are distributed information systems, information systems management, security, enterprise models, evolution models, technology transition, real-time systems, manufacturing systems, and system simulation.

DCIS 840 Advanced Topics and Project in Data Communications and Computer Networking (4 credits)
Students pursue a research project, implementation, or simulation study on a current topic in data communications and/or computer networking. Some topics of current interest are client/server computing, internetworking, network management, ONC, DCE, DME, TCP/IP, OSI, and ISDN.

DCIS 850 Advanced Topics and Project in Database Management Systems (4 credits)
Students pursue a research project on a current topic in database systems or complete a database-oriented development project. Some areas of current interest include object-oriented database systems, extended relational DBMS, deductive and logic-based expert database systems, federated or heterogeneous database systems, other high-performance parallel database systems, and advanced conceptual logic database modeling.

DCIS 860 Advanced Topics and Project in Artificial Intelligence (4 credits)
Students pursue a research project or implementation on a current topic in artificial intelligence. Some topics of current interest are natural language processing, understanding, parallel and distributed AI, expert systems, and connectionist models such as neural networks.

DCIS 870 Advanced Topics and Project in Software Engineering (4 credits)
Students pursue a research study in a current topic in software engineering or complete a software engineering development project. Some topics of current interest include object-oriented analysis and design, software/system life cycles, reusability, specification, and verification.
STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Code of Student Conduct and Academic Responsibility

Purpose: This code seeks to promote high standards of academic integrity by setting forth the responsibilities of students as members of the University community. Abiding by the code ensures a climate wherein all members of the University community can exercise their rights of membership.

Nova University Statement of Academic Rights and Responsibilities

Nova University, as a community of women and men, is committed to furthering scholarship, academic pursuits, and service to our society. As an institution, our purpose is to assure all students an equal opportunity to fulfill their intellectual potential through pursuit of the highest standards of academic excellence.

Certain rights and obligations flow from membership in any academic community committed to such goals:

- The rights of personal and intellectual freedom, which are fundamental to the idea of a university;
- A scrupulous respect for the equal rights and dignity of others; and
- Dedication to the scholarly and educational purposes of the University and participation in promoting and assuring the academic quality and credibility of the institution.

Students are responsible for obtaining, learning, and observing the established University and center policies as listed in all official publications. In addition, students must comply with the legal and ethical standards of the institution as well as those of Broward County and the State of Florida. All members of the community should inform the appropriate official of any violation of conduct regulations.

A. Academic Standards

The University expects its students to manifest a commitment to academic integrity through rigid observance of standards for academic honesty. The academic honesty standards include:

1. Original Work. Assignments such as course preparations, exams, texts, projects, term papers, practicums, etc., must be the original work of the student. Original work may include the thoughts and words of another author, but if that is the case, those ideas or words must be indicated in a manner consistent with a University-recognized form and style manual.

   Work is not original that has been submitted previously by the author or by anyone else for academic credit. Work is not original that has been copied or partially copied from any other source, including another student, unless such copying is acknowledged by the person submitting the work for the credit at the time the work is being submitted or unless copying, sharing, or joint authorship is an express part of the assignment. Exams and tests are original work when no unauthorized aid is given, received, or used prior to or during the course of the examination.

2. Referencing the Works of Another Author. All academic work submitted for credit or as partial fulfillment of course requirements must adhere to each center's specific accepted reference manuals and rules of documentation. Standards of scholarship require that proper acknowledgement be given by the writer when the thoughts and words of another author are used. Students must acquire a style manual approved by their center and become familiar with accepted scholarly and editorial practice in their program. Students' work must comport with the adopted citation manual for their particular center.

   At Nova University, it is plagiarism to represent another person's work, words, or ideas as one's own without use of a center-recognized method of citation. Deviating from center standards A (1) or A (2) is considered plagiarism at Nova University.
3. **Tendering of Information.** All academic work must be the original work of the student. Giving or allowing one's work to be copied, giving out exam questions or answers, or releasing or selling term papers is prohibited.

4. **Acts Prohibited.** Students should avoid any impropriety, or the appearance thereof, in taking examinations or completing work in pursuance of their educational goals.

   Violations of academic responsibility include, but are not limited to:
   a. Plagiarism;
   b. Any form of cheating;
   c. Conspiracy to commit academic dishonesty;
   d. Misrepresentation;
   e. Bribery in an attempt to gain an academic advantage;
   f. Forging or altering documents or credentials; and
   g. Knowingly furnishing false information to the institution.

5. **Additional Matters of Ethical Concern.** Where circumstances are such as to place students in positions of power over University personnel, inside or outside the institution, students should avoid any reasonable suspicion that they have used that power for personal benefit or in a capricious manner.

**B. Conduct Standards**

1. Students should not interfere with the rights, safety, or health of members of the University community nor interfere with other students' right to learn. Students are expected to abide by all University, center, and program rules and regulations and all local, state, and federal laws. Violations of conduct standards include, but are not limited to:
   a. Theft;
   b. Vandalism;
   c. Disruptive behavior;
   d. Possession or use of firearms, fireworks, explosives, or other dangerous substances or items;
   e. Possession, transfer, sale, or use of illicit drugs;
   f. Appearance in class or on campus under the apparent influence of alcohol or illicit drugs or chemicals;
   g. Violations of housing regulations;
   h. Any act or conspiracy to commit an act which is harassing or abusive or which invades an individual's right to privacy, including, but not limited to, sexual harassment and abuse against members of a particular racial, ethnic, religious, or cultural group;
   i. Threats of or actual damage to property or physical harm to others; and
   j. Failure to pay tuition and fees in a timely manner.

2. Students must have authorization from the University to have access to University documents, data, programs, and other types of information and information systems. Any use of the above without authorization is prohibited.

**C. Supplementary Standards**

Students are expected to comply with the legal and ethical standards of this institution and those of their chosen field of study, including the code of ethics for computer usage. The University and each center or program may prescribe additional standards for student conduct as would comport with the letter and spirit of this code.

**D. Violations**

Any violation(s) of any of the academic standards, conduct standards, or supplemental standards may result in a complaint being filed against a student to enforce the Code of Student Conduct and Academic Responsibility. Deans or directors may, in their discretion, immediately suspend students pending a hearing on charges of academic conduct or supplemental standard violations. Any student found guilty of a violation of the academic, conduct, or supplemental standards will be subject to disciplinary action, including expulsion from the University.
Student Code of Computer Ethics

Nova University provides computer systems with access to hardware, software, and networks to enhance academic experience. The University's computer systems are vital to its programs of instruction, research, and administration. Nova University's computer systems refer to all computers owned or operated by the University and include hardware, software, data, and communication networks associated with these systems. In particular, computer systems refer to systems ranging from multiuser time-sharing systems to single-user terminals and personal computers, whether free standing or connected to a network.

Ethical conduct by students in the use of this technology is the same as in all other areas of University life and it is of equal importance. All students are expected to abide by the Nova University Code of Student Conduct and Academic Responsibility. Students, as part of their academic preparation toward specific professional career goals, must be aware of and abide by the professional code of ethics associated with that chosen profession. Therefore, student technology users must apply standards of normal academic and professional ethics and considerate conduct to their use of the University's computing systems and resources, including respect of other users' rights to privacy.

The student user must be aware of the legal and moral responsibility for ethical conduct in the use of technology. Student users of Nova University's computer systems are subject to all applicable federal, state, and international computer laws. A copy of the Florida Computer Crimes Act and referenced Florida Statutes may be examined online or in a student's academic program office.

In addition, a student accessing any of Nova University's computer systems, whether a multiuser time-sharing system or a single-user terminal or personal computer, must:

- Have proper authorization for use or attempted use of accounts within the Nova University computer systems
- Limit the use of Nova University computer systems to academic activities as defined by the student's academic program office
- Refrain from attempting to tamper with or obstruct the operation of Nova University's computer systems
- Be aware that accessing or using another person's computer account without that person's permission is illegal and unethical
- Refrain from any attempt to use Nova University's computer systems as a means for the unauthorized access to computer systems outside the University's systems
- Be aware that the use of invasive software, such as worms and viruses destructive to hardware, software, or data files, is illegal and unethical
- Be aware that using Nova University's computer systems to act or behave in a rude, obscene, or harassing manner will be dealt with by appropriate University policy, procedures, and agents
- Use only legally obtained or licensed data or software in accordance with its license or purchase agreement
- Be in compliance with federal copyright laws and the Nova University copyright code

As with all matters of law and ethics, ignorance of the rules does not excuse violations. Inappropriate conduct and violations will be dealt with under the guidelines of the Nova University Code of Student Conduct and Academic Responsibility as defined and determined by the Office of the Academic Vice-President and the Office of the Dean of a student's academic program.

Drug-Free Schools and Campuses

In order to comply with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (Pub. L. No. 101-226, Title 34 C.F.R., part 86), Nova University has adopted the following policy for all workplace, school, campus, and field-based programs.

The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of illicit drugs* and the abuse of alcohol are prohibited in and on Nova University owned or controlled property and as a part of any of its activities. No Nova University employee or student is to report to work or school while under the influence of illicit drugs or alcohol.

*The term "illicit drugs" refers to all illegal drugs and to legal drugs obtained or used without a physician's order.
There are serious health risks associated with the abuse of drugs and alcohol (see following "Controlled Substances—Uses and Effects"). If you, a fellow student, teacher, or co-worker has a problem with abuse of drugs and/or alcohol, help can be provided at the following locations:

**On Campus:**

Nova University Student Counseling Service  
Mailman Building  
(305) 475-7652

Nova University Community Mental Health  
Davie .................................. 475-7070  
Lauderhill .............................. 486-3663  
Coral Springs ......................... 753-7020

**Community:**

Florida Department of Education  
Educational Prevention Center  
Knott Building  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399  
(904) 488-6304

Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services  
Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program  
1317 Winewood Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399  
(904) 488-0900

When you use or deal in drugs, you also risk incarceration and/or fines. The attached federal sentencing guidelines indicate federal penalties for trafficking in drugs.

In addition to the federal sanctions, Florida state statutes provide sanctions in regard to the use, possession, and/or sale of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol. Punishment varies dependent upon the amount and type of drug and/or alcohol involved. Felony convictions range from one year to life imprisonment. Possession of not less than 20 grams of cannabis is punishable as a misdemeanor of the first degree. Punishment for misdemeanors ranges from less than 60 days to one year imprisonment.

Under §893.13, Florida Statutes, it is unlawful for any person to sell, purchase, manufacture, deliver, or possess with intent to sell, purchase, manufacture, or deliver a controlled substance. Violation of this statute is a felony and is punishable under Chapter 775 of the Florida Statutes.

Under §893.13 (1) (e), Florida Statutes, it is unlawful for any person to sell, purchase, manufacture, deliver, or possess with intent to sell, purchase, manufacture, or deliver a controlled substance in, on, or within 1,000 feet of a public or private elementary, middle, or secondary school. Punishment for a violation of this statute may include a minimum three-year imprisonment.

Under §316.193, Florida Statutes, it is unlawful for any person to possess an open container of alcoholic beverage while operating a vehicle in the state or while a passenger in or on a vehicle being operated in the state. Violation of this law will result in a noncriminal moving traffic violation, punishable as provided in Chapter 318 of the Florida Statutes, with fines and points on a driving record leading to driver’s license suspension.

Under §316.193, Florida Statutes, a person is guilty of driving under the influence if such a person is driving or in actual physical control of a vehicle within the state and the person is under the influence of alcoholic beverages or any controlled substance when affected to the extent that his or her normal faculties are impaired or the person has a blood alcohol level of .10 percent or higher. First conviction on such a DUI charge shall result in a fine not less than $250 or more than $500 and imprisonment not more than six months. A second conviction results in a fine of not less than $500 or more than $1,000 and not more than nine months' imprisonment. Third conviction will result in not less than a $1,000 fine or more than a $2,500 fine and imprisonment for not more than 12 months.

By applying for a driver’s license and accepting and using a driver’s license, a person holding the driver’s license is deemed to have expressed his or her consent to submit to breath, blood, and urine tests for alcohol, chemical substances, or controlled substances.

Nova University requires that an employee notify the employer of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the work place no later than five (5) days after such conviction. In order to comply with federal law, Nova University must notify any federal contracting agency within ten (10) days
of having received notice that an employee engaged in the performance of a federal contract or grant has had a criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the work place. Any criminal drug convictions in the work place must be reported by the employee to his or her University supervisor or department head within five (5) days of the date of such conviction. The University will discipline any employee who is so convicted or require the employee’s satisfactory participation in a drug/alcohol abuse assistance or rehabilitation program within thirty (30) days of notice of such conviction.

Any Nova University employee or student determined to have violated this policy shall be subject to referral for prosecution by the appropriate authorities. Other sanctions include evaluation/treatment for drug use disorder, which may include mandatory completion of a drug/alcohol abuse rehabilitation program, expulsion, and/or termination.

All Nova University faculty and staff members will, as a condition of their employment, abide by the terms of this policy. All Nova University students will, as a condition of their enrollment, abide by the terms of this policy.
## Controlled Substances – Uses & Effects

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<td>Analgesic, anti-diarrheal</td>
<td>High</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
<td>3-6</td>
<td>Oral, smoked</td>
<td>Euphoria, drowsiness, respiratory depression, convulsions, coma, possible death</td>
<td>Slow and shallow breathing, clammy skin, trismus, tremors, panic, cramps, nausea, chills and sweating</td>
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<td>Opium</td>
<td>II III V</td>
<td>Dover's Powder, Paragonic Paracetamol</td>
<td>Analgesic, antitussive</td>
<td>High</td>
<td>High</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>3-6</td>
<td>Oral, smoked</td>
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<td>Morphin</td>
<td>II III</td>
<td>Morphin, MS-Contin, Roxanol, Roxanol SR</td>
<td>Analgesic, antitussive</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
<td>3-6</td>
<td>Oral, injected</td>
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<td>Codeine</td>
<td>II III</td>
<td>Tylenol w/Codein, Robitussin AC, Empirin w/Codein, Flornal w/Codein</td>
<td>Analgesic, antitussive</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
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<td>Heroin</td>
<td>I</td>
<td>Diacetylmorphine, Horse, Snack</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>High</td>
<td>High</td>
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<td>3-6</td>
<td>Injected, sniffed, smoked</td>
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<td>Hydromorphone</td>
<td>II</td>
<td>Dilaudid</td>
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<td>Meperidine (Pethidine)</td>
<td>II II</td>
<td>Demerol, Mepergan</td>
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<td>Methadone</td>
<td>II</td>
<td>Dolophine, Methadone, Methadose</td>
<td>Analgesic</td>
<td>High</td>
<td>High-Low</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>12-24</td>
<td>Oral, injected</td>
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<td>Other Narcotics</td>
<td>II III</td>
<td>Numorphan, Percodon, Percocet, Tylox, Tussionex, Fentanyl, Darvon, Lorazepam, Taiwil</td>
<td>Analgesic, anti-diarrheal, antitussive</td>
<td>High-Low</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Choral Hydrate</td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>Nocot</td>
<td>Hypnotic</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>5-8</td>
<td>Oral</td>
<td>Stunned speech, disorientation, drunken behavior without odor of alcohol</td>
<td>Shallow respiration, clammy skin, diated pupils, weak and rapid pulse, coma, possible death</td>
<td>Anxiety, insomnia, tremors, delirium, convulsions, possible death</td>
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<td>Barbiturates</td>
<td>II III IV</td>
<td>Amytal, Nembutal, Fiorinal, Lotusate, Tuinal, Seconal, Butisol, Phenobarbital</td>
<td>Anesthetic, anticonvulsant, sedative, hypnotic, veterinary euthanasia agent</td>
<td>High-Mod.</td>
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<td>1-16</td>
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<td>IV</td>
<td>Alivin, Dalmane, Librium, Restolon, Diazepam, Xanax, Serax, Valium, Tranxene, Versed</td>
<td>Antianxiety, anticonvulsant, sedative, hypnotic</td>
<td>Low</td>
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<td>Methaqualone</td>
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<td>Quaalude</td>
<td>Sedative, hypnotic</td>
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<td>III</td>
<td>Doriden</td>
<td>Sedative, hypnotic</td>
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<td>Other Depressants</td>
<td>III IV</td>
<td>Equamal, Miltown, Noludar, Placidyl, Valmid</td>
<td>Antianxiety, sedative, hypnotic</td>
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<td>Cocaine</td>
<td>II</td>
<td>Coke, Flare, Snow, Crack</td>
<td>Local anesthetic</td>
<td>Possible</td>
<td>High</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>1-2</td>
<td>Smoked, injected</td>
<td>Increased alertness, excitement, euphoria, increased pulse rate &amp; blood pressure, insulin, loss of appetite</td>
<td>Apathy, long periods of sleep, irritability, depression, disorientation</td>
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<td>Amphetamines</td>
<td>II</td>
<td>Biphedrine, Delcodeine, Desoxyn, Dexedrine, Dextroamphetamine, Oxydren, Obetrol</td>
<td>Attention deficit disorders, narcolepsy, weight control</td>
<td>Possible</td>
<td>High</td>
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<td>2-4</td>
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<td>II</td>
<td>Preludin</td>
<td>Weight control</td>
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<td>II</td>
<td>Ritaline</td>
<td>Attention deficit disorders, narcolepsy</td>
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<td>Adipex, Cyeril, Dicrex, Iornamin, Melfiat, Plegine, Sanorex, Tenate, Tepalin, Prelu-2</td>
<td>Weight control</td>
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<td>Oral</td>
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<td>Pot, Acapulco Gold, Grass, Reefers, Sinsemilla, Thai Sticks</td>
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<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>2-4</td>
<td>Smoked, oral</td>
<td>Euphoria, relaxed inhibitions, increased appetite, disoriented behavior</td>
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1 Designated a narcotic under the CSA  
2 Not designated a narcotic under the CSA
### Federal Trafficking Penalties

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<td>V</td>
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**Federal Trafficking Penalties - Marijuana**

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<td>1,000 kg or more; or 1,000 or more plants</td>
<td>Marijuana</td>
<td>Not less than 10 years, not more than life. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life. Fine not more than $1 million individual, $10 million other than individual.</td>
<td>Not less than 20 years, not more than life. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life. Fine not more than $1 million individual, $10 million other than individual.</td>
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<td>100 kg to 1,000 kg; or 100-999 plants.</td>
<td>Marijuana</td>
<td>Not less than 5 years, not more than 40 years. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life. Fine not more than $4 million individual, $10 million other than individual.</td>
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<td>50 to 100 kg</td>
<td>Marijuana</td>
<td>Not more than 20 years. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life. Fine $1 million individual, $5 million other than individual.</td>
<td>Not more than 30 years. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life. Fine $2 million individual, $10 million other than individual.</td>
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<td>10 to 100 kg</td>
<td>Hashish</td>
<td>Not more than 20 years. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life. Fine $1 million individual, $5 million other than individual.</td>
<td>Not more than 30 years. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life. Fine $2 million individual, $10 million other than individual.</td>
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<td>1 to 100 kg</td>
<td>Hashish Oil</td>
<td>Not more than 5 years. If death or serious injury, not less than 5 years, not more than 40 years. Fine $1 million individual, $5 million other than individual.</td>
<td>Not more than 10 years. If death or serious injury, not less than 5 years, not more than 40 years. Fine $5 million individual, $2 million other than individual.</td>
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<td>50-99 plants</td>
<td>Marijuana</td>
<td>Not more than 20 years. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life. Fine $1 million individual, $5 million other than individual.</td>
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<td>Less than 50 kg</td>
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<td>Less than 10 kg</td>
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Smoking and Nonsmoking

Smoking is prohibited in any Nova University facility where, regardless of physical separation, nonsmokers share a ventilation system with smokers. This policy does not apply to living quarters (dormitories) which are subject to a separate smoking policy. Nor does this policy in any way supersede the Florida Clean Indoor Air Act.

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Nova University, as an institution of higher education, is dedicated to the well-being of all members of the University community—students, faculty, staff, and administrators. Concerned with the misuse of alcohol and other drugs (both licit and illicit), it is the policy of the University to endeavor to prevent substance abuse through programs of education and prevention. The University recognizes alcoholism and drug abuse as illnesses or treatable disorders, and it is the University’s policy to work with members of the University community to provide channels of education and assistance. However, it is the individual’s responsibility to seek help. The University also recognizes that the possession and/or use of certain substances is illegal, and the University is obligated to comply with local, state, and federal laws.

1. While on campus or engaged in any University related activity, members of the University community must be in a fit condition to perform appropriately. Being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs is prohibited and may subject the individual to disciplinary action including the possibility of dismissal.

2. Employees will be evaluated only on their work performance. If alcohol consumption or the use of any other drug affects an employee’s performance, assistance is available. However, if an employee’s performance continues to deteriorate, the University will discipline the employee based on his or her job performance. Poor job performance will lead to discharge.

3. Professional assistance for substance abuse is given on a confidential, professional, and voluntary basis. The purpose of this assistance is to help the individual member of the University community who has a substance abuse problem lead a productive work and/or academic life free of substance abuse.

4. Members of the University community who engage in any illegal activity involving alcohol or other drugs are subject to dismissal.

Substance Abuse Awareness, Education, and Prevention

Nova University’s activities in substance abuse awareness, education, and prevention exist to encourage members of the University community to avoid the use of illicit drugs, to use alcohol and other licit drugs in a responsible manner, and to avert the need for direct intervention. The specific goals of the program are the following:

- To educate all members of the community that the use and possession of certain substances are illegal and may result in adverse consequences
- To inform members of the University community concerning the physical and psychological effects of alcohol and other drugs and to develop an awareness of potential problems that can result from the use of these substances
- To support those who choose not to drink alcohol or to use other drugs
- To teach those who choose to drink alcohol to do so responsibly
- To help those who abuse alcohol or other drugs.
In order to achieve these goals, the University operates and/or engages in the following programs and activities:

1. **Alcohol and Drug Resource Center.** The Resource Center is directed by an existing staff member. Additional staff consists of student employees, practicum students, and/or student volunteers. The center has the primary responsibility for the University's prevention and education programs. It coordinates the various activities and serves as a clearinghouse for alcohol and drug information. Each academic center designates a contact person who works with the Resource Center staff to disseminate information within their centers.

2. **Advisory Committee.** This is a group of administrators, faculty, and student leaders who are appointed by the vice-president for academic affairs to serve as advisers and resource persons. The committee is chaired by the director of the Alcohol and Drug Resource Center. The group meets monthly to discuss and develop program plans and activities.

3. **Alcohol and Drug Awareness Activities.** Under the direction of the Resource Center, there are regular and ongoing activities designed to disseminate information about alcohol and drug use. The audience of the information is all students, employees, and faculty of the University, both on and off campus. The awareness activities can include posters, media campaigns, films, exhibits, and literature. The University supports the National Alcohol Awareness Week and schedules activities at that time to promote awareness on campus.

4. **Student Organizations.** The student governments are encouraged to establish chapters of organizations such as BACCHUS (Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students) and SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving).

5. **Alcohol and Drug Workshops.** Workshops are provided for student leaders and for employees as part of the University's staff development program. These workshops provide the opportunity for participants to discuss the information they receive. Student leaders are required to complete such workshops before they can plan parties that involve drinking.

6. **Academic Courses.** Several academic centers have put identifiable units on alcohol and drugs into appropriate existing courses. Additionally, several academic centers have established elective courses in substance abuse and/or recommend students to take such courses in other centers. Assistance is available to the academic centers from the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Resource Center to ensure the substance abuse content of courses is consistent with University policies.

7. **Orientation.** Academic centers include information on drugs and alcohol in the orientation sessions and materials for new students. The orientation provides a general orientation to the problems of substance abuse and includes a statement of the University's policy on drugs and alcohol. The information is presented in a positive manner. The Resource Center works with the academic centers to prepare the materials presented.

### Communicable Diseases Policy Guidelines

It is the intent of the University to protect students and employees from exposure to communicable diseases that pose reasonable risk of harm to members of the University community. It is also the intent of the University to protect the rights of those infected with a communicable disease pursuant to the Sick Leave Policy of the University. Employees and students of the University who do become infected with a communicable disease are subject to the guidelines listed below.

All employees diagnosed with any communicable disease will receive the same benefits and privileges extended to any employee under the Sick Leave Policy and shall be afforded confidentiality for all related issues.

The University will be flexible in its response to incidents of communicable disease, evaluating each occurrence in light of this policy and current available medical information.
Guidelines

1. For the purpose of this policy, the term "employee" shall include all persons employed by the University, either full time or part time, including adjuncts and off-site coordinators, but shall not include the following persons:
   a. Members of the Board of Trustees
   b. Guest lecturers
   c. Vendors

   The term "student" shall include all persons enrolled at the University, either part time or full time, from preschool through graduate studies.
   The term "infected person" shall include students and employees who have been medically diagnosed as infected with a communicable disease.

   In the event that any employee, administrator, or student has a concern about the potential for the spread of a communicable disease within the University community, those concerns should be brought to the assistant director of human resources for review consistent with the current available information on the spread of the particular communicable disease. After review and evaluation of the concerns, if there appears to be a reasonable likelihood of the spread of the disease within the University community by an infected person, the assistant director of human resources will, after notification of the issues presented to the University president, contact the Broward County Health Department for recommendations of appropriate action consistent with state law.

   The University will make available to its employees and students information about the transmissibility of communicable diseases and precautions that can be taken to prevent the spread of various communicable diseases.

2. An infected person can continue to work and study so long as he or she is able to continue to perform regular responsibilities satisfactorily and so long as the best available medical evidence indicates that his or her continued status does not present a health or safety threat to self or others. Infected employees with diseases that threaten the safety of others are eligible for the same leave of absence provisions of current University policy for sick or annual leave.

3. An infected person returning to work or school after a leave of absence for reasons related to a communicable disease must provide a statement from his or her treating physician indicating current medical status. An employee shall submit the physician's statement to the director of human resources or a delegated representative. Students shall submit their statement to their program dean.

4. Within reason, the University shall make accommodations to the infected persons, whenever possible, to ensure continuity in employment or in the classroom. Such measures may include, subject to administrative limitations, job reassignment or class reassignment to place the infected person in a less demanding position.

5. No infected person (employee or student) may be dismissed from the University solely on the basis of a diagnosis of an infection of a contagious disease. A decision to dismiss or discharge will only be made after reasonable accommodation has been attempted and an examination of facts demonstrate that the infected person can no longer perform as required or poses a reasonable threat to the health and safety of those around him or her.

6. Disciplinary measures are available to the University when any employee fails or refuses to work at his or her assigned job with an infected person who has not been deemed to pose a present health or safety threat to self or to others. Student disciplinary measures shall range from counseling to expulsion.

7. As with any medical condition, employees must not disclose information regarding another employee or student to anyone except those employees with a medical or administrative need to know. The University shall take every precaution to ensure that confidentiality is maintained. Breach of such confidentiality by any employee shall result in disciplinary action.
Policy on Sexual Harassment

It is the intent of Nova University to protect all employees and students from sexual harassment. Sexual harassment is a violation of Title VII. Sexual harassment undermines the integrity of the employment and academic environment, debilitates morale, and interferes with the effectiveness of employees and students. In accordance with Equal Employment Opportunity Commission-promulgated guidelines, unwelcome sexual advances, unwanted requests for favors of a sexual nature, and any other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature are considered sexual harassment if:

(a) Explicit or implicit submission to sexual overtones is made a term or condition of employment.
(b) Employment decisions are made on the basis of whether submission to or rejection of sexual overtones occurred.
(c) An individual's work performance is unreasonably interfered with by a sexually intimidating, hostile, or offensive atmosphere.

A. At Nova University, sexual harassment of or by employees includes:
1. Unwelcome or unwanted sexual advances. This includes unwelcome physical contact or sexual advances considered unacceptable by another individual.
2. Requests or demands for sexual favors. This includes subtle or blatant pressures or requests for any type of sexual favor accompanied by an implied or stated promise of preferential treatment or negative consequence concerning one's employment status.
3. Verbal abuse that is sex-oriented or considered unacceptable by another individual, as well as sexually derogatory comments. This includes commenting about an individual's body or appearance when such comments go beyond mere courtesy; telling jokes that are clearly unwanted and considered offensive by others; or other tasteless, sexually-oriented comments or innuendoes or actions that offend others.
4. Engaging in any type of sexually oriented conduct that would unreasonably interfere with another's work performance. This includes extending unwanted sexual attention to someone that reduces personal productivity or time available to work at assigned tasks.
5. Creating a work environment that is intimidating, hostile, or offensive because of unwelcome or unwanted sexually-oriented conversations, suggestions, requests, demands, physical contacts, or attentions.

Nova University will not tolerate sexual harassment. Sexual harassment is an insidious practice. It demeans individuals being treated in such manner and creates unacceptable stress for the entire organization. Persons harassing others will be dealt with swiftly and vigorously.

Normal, noncoercive interaction that is acceptable to both parties is not considered to be sexual harassment.

All allegations of sexual harassment of or by an employee, client, or vendor will be promptly and thoroughly investigated by the Human Resources Department and should be reported promptly to the director of human resources.

B. At Nova University, sexual harassment by employees of students is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:
1. Submission to such conduct is made to appear to be a term or condition of enrollment, attendance, or participation in a class;
2. Submission to or rejection of such conduct affects academic decisions; or
3. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with a student's academic performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive academic environment;
4. Unwelcome patting, pinching, or touching;
5. Offensive or demeaning sexual remarks, jokes, or gestures.
Students aggrieved by a violation of this policy may file a grievance under their center's grievance procedure. Any employee who violates any portion of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action.

At Nova University, romantic and sexual relationships between a faculty member and a student are subject to the prohibition against sexual harassment. Romantic or sexual relationships between a faculty member and a student then enrolled in the faculty member's class (including supervised student activities for which academic credit is given) may appear to be coercive and are discouraged. Even when no coercion is present, such relationships create an appearance of impropriety and favoritism that can impair the academic experience of all students in that class. It is, therefore, improper conduct for a faculty member to engage in a romantic or sexual relationship with a student then enrolled in the faculty member's class.

Privacy of Records

Nova University maintains a system of records that includes application forms, letters of recommendation, admission test scores, and transcripts of students' previous academic records and performance while in residence. These records are available for review by present and former students upon written request to the registrar's office. However, the registrar will not release transcripts of students' academic records until all their accounts, both academic and nonacademic, have been paid.

The law limits access by and disclosure to a third party. Such access is given only upon consent of the student or if required by law, except for the following information, which may be released as directory information: a) student's name; b) dates of attendance; c) degree and awards received. Requests for such information must be submitted in writing to the registrar. The University reserves the right to refuse the above information if the reason for the request is not considered to be a sufficient need to know.

Any student or parent not wishing to have this information disclosed should notify the Office of the University Registrar in writing prior to September 1 of the relevant school year. A person does not have the right of access to educational records until he or she has been admitted to and has actually begun attending Nova University. There is no prohibition from disclosing such information to the parents of students who are listed on their parents' federal income tax forms.

Parents or eligible students will be provided a hearing by the University if they wish to challenge the content of the record. If they are still not satisfied, the parents or eligible students may add explanatory or rebuttal matter to the record. If the students or parents are denied access to a hearing or if the records are alleged to have been illegally disclosed to a third party, the students or parents may file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education.

Reservation of Power

Nova University reserves the right to amend, modify, add to, or delete its rules, policies, and procedures affecting its institutional relationship with students as deemed necessary by the administration. Any such amendment, modification, addition, or deletion shall not be considered a violation of the relationship between the University and the student. Such right includes modification to academic requirements, curriculum, tuition, and/or fees when in the judgment of the administration such changes are required in the exercise of its educational responsibility.
Dear Applicant:

We are happy that you have decided to apply to the Center for Computer and Information Sciences. Admission forms have been perforated for easy separation. Please use the following checklist to assure that you have submitted or requested the required documents.

1. **An application form with a $40 nonrefundable fee** made payable to Nova University. Please be sure to complete all information and sign the last page. The application should be mailed directly to the address listed on the application form.

2. **Transcript request forms** should be sent to all schools where you received a degree. All transcripts must be official and sent directly to Nova University from your institution.

3. **Recommendation forms** should be distributed to three persons who can comment on your academic and professional ability to be successful in graduate study (former professors, colleagues, supervisors, etc.).

4. **A portfolio form or GRE score.** GRE scores must be original and no more than five years old. If electing the portfolio, please address all areas and include supporting documentation reflective of your professional experience.

If you have any questions regarding your application, please contact the CCIS Program Office at (800) 541-6682, Ext. 7352, or (305) 475-7352. We look forward to speaking with you soon!

Sincerely,

CCIS

P.S. We strongly recommend that you submit your application at least two months prior to the term in which you wish to begin. This will allow sufficient time to process your file and ensure full acceptance status prior to registration.
Directions to Applicant: This application must be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of $40. At least three letters of recommendation from professors or supervisors most familiar with your work, official transcripts of all accredited college or university work, and GRE scores or your portfolio should be sent directly to the above address. If you are not completing a portfolio, please submit a resume with your application.

Social Security Number: _______ - _______ - _______  Sex: ( ) Male ( ) Female
Expected Start Date: ___________________________  Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Legal/Permanent Address: Street and Number

City, State, Zip  Home Phone  Work Phone

Mailing Address While Attending Nova (Local)

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name

Address  Home Phone  Work Phone

CENTER-SPECIFIC DATA:

Employer:

Job Title:

ACADEMIC GOAL:

Institute/Computer-Based Format Programs:

___ Doctor of Education in Computing Technology
___ Doctor of Science in Information Systems
___ Master of Science in Computer-Based Learning (MSCBL) Specializations:
   ___ Computer Education
   ___ Training and Learning
   ___ Information Systems
   ___ Information Technology and Resource Management
___ Master of Science in Computer Information Systems

Seminar Format Programs:

___ Doctor of Science in Computer Science
___ Doctor of Science in Computer Information Systems

Campus-Based Programs:

___ Master of Science in Computer Science
___ Master of Science in Computer Information Systems
___ Four-year combined master's/docotoral program
___ Five-year combined Master's/Doctoral Option
**EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION:**

Please list all educational institutions attended. Official transcripts from all institutions are required.

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Do you intend to transfer any graduate level credits toward your degree?  

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**CITIZENSHIP STATUS:**  

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If you have a visa, indicate status code: ____________________

Country of citizenship: ____________________

Additional procedures are required for admission of nonresident aliens.

Language spoken at home: ____________________

**ETHNIC ORIGIN DATA**  

*(this information is requested for reporting purposes only):*

Check one of the following:

- White (not of Hispanic origin)
- Black (not of Hispanic Origin)
- Hispanic origin
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- American Indian or native Alaskan

**APPLICANT STATUS AT TIME OF APPLICATION:**

First time attending Nova University?  

Yes | No

Returning to Nova after absence?  

Yes | No

**FINANCIAL AID:**

Have you applied for financial aid?  

Yes | No

Have you filed a College Scholarship Service Financial Aid Form (FAF)?  

Yes | No

If yes, when was the FAF sent to Princeton, New Jersey?  

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Are you eligible for veterans' assistance (VA) benefits?  

Yes | No

**COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND EXPERIENCE:**

How would you rate your overall computer ability?  

Please circle 0 1 2 3 4 5

0 = I have no experience with computers.

3 = I am able to use standard applications software.

5 = I am a very experienced user and can do almost anything with a computer.

What type of computer do you have at HOME?  

- IBM/compatible
- Apple II series
- Macintosh

What type of computer do you have at WORK?  

- IBM/compatible
- Apple/MAC
- Mainframe

Are you able to use a modem and a computer to upload and download files?  

Yes | No

How many years have you been using a computer?  

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What programming languages are you familiar with?  

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What computer applications software are you familiar with?  

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HOW DID YOU FIRST HEAR ABOUT THIS PROGRAM?

☐ Colleague/Friend
☐ Conference
☐ Direct Mail
☐ Nova Student/Graduate
☐ Ft. Lauderdale News and Sun-Sentinel
☐ Nova Staff
☐ Employer
☐ Educational Directory
☐ College Professor
☐ Miami Herald
☐ New York Times
☐ Chicago Tribune
☐ American Libraries
☐ Training Magazine
☐ Other
Specify

ESSAY:

Please describe your reasons for pursuing this degree. Why did you decide to apply to Nova University? Include the nature of work that you are involved in and your long-term goals. Please continue on another page if necessary.
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (Buckley Amendment)

Pursuant to the Buckley Amendment enacted on December 31, 1974, **I DO I DO NOT** give permission for my name, address and/or phone number to be used for promotional purposes. Please circle the appropriate phrase and sign your name.

Applicant's signature ___________________________ Date ____________

I DECLARE THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE. I AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF NOVA UNIVERSITY.

Applicant's signature ___________________________ Date ____________

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To request a transcript from your previous school to Nova University, fill in the blanks on BOTH parts.

Dear Alma Mater:

Please send to Nova University an official transcript of my academic work while attending your institution. Return the form below to Nova University with my transcript.

A. I attended your school from __________ to __________.

B. While in attendance, my name on your records was:

                      ______________
                      Full Name

C. My student identification number was: _____________________.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

_________________________  ____________
Signature                    Date

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TRANSCRIPT TRANSMITTAL FORM
(Please complete all sections)

To: Alma Mater
From: Nova University CCIS Admissions Office

Please return this form with my transcript. Thank you.

Social Security Number ___________________________  Date __________________

Name ____________________________  Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Address ____________________________

Please send _____ copies to Nova University, CCIS Admissions Office, 3301 College Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33314.

(please enter program and degree applied for)
Applicant's Section

Full name (please print) ___________________________ Social Security Number ___________________________

Program applied to (include degree and major) ___________________________

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Applicant's signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Recommender's Section

Name of recommender ___________________________ Title or position ___________________________

University or company ___________________________ Telephone ___________________________

Address (city, state, zip) ___________________________

The programs offered by the Center for Computer and Information Sciences are designed to prepare outstanding students each year. The Admissions Committee would appreciate your assessment of this applicant's potential. Your evaluation will be regarded as confidential information, exclusively for the committee's use. Please complete both sides of this form. If more space is needed, please continue on additional sheets (label each with a page number and the applicant's name). Please return the completed form to:

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Graduate Admissions Committee
Center for Computer and Information Sciences
3301 College Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33314

Thank you for taking the time to respond. The Admissions Committee feels that recommendations are among the most valuable data in the selection process. We sincerely appreciate your help.

Recommender's signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________
EVALUATION CRITERIA:

The Admission Committee’s assessment of this student is based strongly on your recommendation. How long have you known this applicant and in what capacity? Does this applicant have the maturity and stability to be able to work both independently and with others? Please describe the particular strengths/weakness of this applicant. Also describe any special talents or experience that the applicant can bring to the program of study. If you have worked with the applicant on any special projects, please describe his or her role on the project and give an evaluation of his or her performance.
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Please complete the following admissions portfolio to the best of your ability. Provide documentation or examples of any of those items that you feel necessary to support your portfolio. When you have completed the admissions portfolio, sign the form and return it with your portfolio.

Please type or use black pen.

1. Employment history (specific job descriptions and dates)

2. Experience with automated systems or computers (micro, mini, or mainframe)--describe the nature and length of the experience

3. What computer equipment do you have available for use in this program (terminals, mainframes, micro computers, etc.)? Also, indicate the types of operating systems you have used on these machines.

4. Graduate courses for credit

5. Workshops, seminars, conferences, and special meetings (list topics)

6. Publications, proposals, and reports you have authored

7. Major improvement projects or innovations you have instituted in your organization or institution

8. Awards, achievements, or special recognition you have received

9. Offices held in professional organizations

10. Community involvement (clubs, churches, temples, committees, etc.)