DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Blended learning format: online + on-campus residencies.
A 3-year executive-format doctoral program that is offered in a collaborative cohort model.

Students complete course work online and meet for immersive 5-day residencies in late August and early January, and for two additional weekend residencies in both fall and spring for each of the three years in the program.

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The 3-year plan below is for guidance only. Always review your individual check sheet for your degree requirements. For full course descriptions, see the RMU Course Catalog.

SCHEDULE OF COURSES

		YEAR 1 – FALL	
ISCM	8110	Theories in Action in Information Systems and Communication (ISC)	3
ISCM	8120	ISC in Cybersociety	3
ISCM	8130	Intro to Research Process for ISC	3
		YEAR 1 - SPRING	
ISCM	8140	Information Technology and Online Social Behavior	3
ISCM	8160	Rhetorical, Semiotic, and Ethno-cultural Foundations for ISC	3
ISCM	8180	Literature Review	3
ISCM	9100	Dissertation I – Research Topic Development	2
		YEAR 2 – FALL	
ISCM	8220	Data Analytics: Managerial Perspectives	3
ISCM	8230	Quantitative Research Methods I	3
ISCM	8240	Qualitative Research Methods	3
		YEAR 2 - SPRING	
ISCM	8150	Theory Development and Knowledge Management for ISC	3
ISCM	8210	Advanced Research Design for ISC	3
ISCM	8250	Quantitative Research Methods II	3
ISCM	9200	Dissertation II – Proposal Completion & Defense	2
		YEAR 3 – FALL	
ISCM	8380	Analyzing and Interpreting Data	3
ISCM	8320	Information Security and the Law	3
ISCM	9300	Dissertation III – Analysis of Research Findings	4
		YEAR 3 - SPRING	
ISCM	8310	Economics of Information Systems & Technology in the Digital Age	3
ISCM	8330	Contemporary Issues in ISC	3
ISCM	9400	Dissertation IV – Dissertation Completion & Defense	4
			60 CREDITS

Program milestones:

End of first year of study:	Qualifying exam to be admitted into doctoral candidacy
End of second year of study:	Doctoral dissertation proposal defense
End of third year of study:	Doctoral dissertation defense

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