INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, B.S. (ALTOONA)

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus
End Campus: Altoona

Program Description
This degree is a new broad based technical and theoretical degree that will prepare students to implement and use information technology to realize a variety of goals within and between all types of organizations and businesses (e.g., reliability, accessibility, efficiency, cost reduction, and revenue enhancement). The emphasis is on providing the student with the theoretical frameworks needed to use information technology to solve problems while also providing a set of applied, real-world experiences. Students will acquire a broad set of skills across many areas of information technology, including programming and systems development, networking, databases, project management, and information security. Students will consider how the implementation of information technology in organizations affects social change and the delivery of information to the consumer. Upper-level course selections allow for specific advanced options including but not limited to application development, networking, cybersecurity, and business. Project-oriented, team-based projects that include significant writing and presentation components will be integrated throughout the curriculum.

Application Development Option
Available at the following campuses: Abington, Altoona, Beaver, Berks, Brandywine, Lehigh Valley, Schuylkill, Scranton, York

This option prepares students for the design and development of complex object-oriented programming and technical skills to succeed in a fast-paced development and operations environment.

Business Applications Option
Available at the following campuses: Abington, Altoona, Beaver, Berks, Brandywine, DuBois, Greater Allegheny, Hazleton, Lehigh Valley, Mont Alto, New Kensington, Schuylkill, Scranton, York

This option prepares students to pursue careers in Information technology solving business organizational problems with an emphasis on the systems processes and business operations integration.

Custom Information Technology Option
Available at the following campuses: Altoona, Berks, Brandywine, Hazleton, Lehigh Valley, Mont Alto, New Kensington, Schuylkill, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, York

This option provides the opportunity for students to pursue an approved information technology interdisciplinary or exploratory program of study.

Cybersecurity Option
Available at the following campuses: Altoona, Beaver, Berks, Brandywine, Lehigh Valley, Mont Alto, New Kensington, Schuylkill, Scranton, York

This option will provide students with the knowledge and cyber defense skills needed to critically assess and respond to modern information security threats. They will be prepared to protect information infrastructure and data from attacks and unauthorized access.

Networking Option
Available at the following campuses: Abington, DuBois, Mont Alto

This option prepares students to pursue careers in the design, development, and support of complex networks and networking infrastructure.

Security and Risk Analysis Option
Available at the following campuses: Altoona, Berks, Brandywine, Lehigh Valley, Schuylkill

This option prepares students to address the current and emerging security and risk challenges that face individuals, organizations and our nation, over a variety of domains including national/homeland security, emergency and disaster management, law and crime, and enterprise risk management.

What is Information Technology?
Information Technology offers both broad organizational problem-solving skills and in-depth knowledge in current in-demand technical skills. Using technology to leverage organizational resources and address organizational challenges are at the forefront of the B.S. degree in Information Technology. The program includes required and optional courses in cybersecurity, databases, computer programming, project management, security and risk analysis, networking, web design and development, application development, and systems analysis. This broad base of skills is ideally suited for entry-level positions in all the above content areas.

You Might Like This Program If...
• You enjoy technology and working with others to build solutions.
• You want to create high-tech solutions to organizational and societal challenges.
• You are interested in application development and programming.
• You are interested in improving computer systems and enhancing their safety for individuals and corporations.
• You want to leverage current and emerging technologies to improve business processes.

Entrance to Major
To be eligible for entrance to the B.S. in Information Technology major, students must:

• achieve a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00
• complete the following entrance-to-major courses with grades of C or better:
  • IST 110 or CYBER 100 or CYBER 100S
  • IST 140 or CMPSC 121 or CMPSC 131
  • IST 210
  • IST 220

Degree Requirements
For the Bachelor of Science degree in Information Technology, a minimum of 120 credits is required:
Cultures Requirement

their academic adviser for these requirements.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult

provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year

Engagement Plan.

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All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies

of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is
designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may
also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

Foundations (grade of C or better is required.)

• Quantification (GQ): 6 credits
• Writing and Speaking (GWS): 9 credits

Knowledge Domains

• Arts (GA): 6 credits
• Health and Wellness (GHW): 3 credits
• Humanities (GH): 6 credits
• Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS): 6 credits
• Natural Sciences (GN): 9 credits

Integrative Studies (may also complete a Knowledge Domain requirement)

• Inter-Domain or Approved Linked Courses: 6 credits

University Degree Requirements

First Year Engagement

All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies
at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3
credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

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their academic adviser for these requirements.

Cultures Requirement

6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements

• United States Cultures: 3 credits
• International Cultures: 3 credits

21 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the
Requirements for the Major. This includes: 9 credits of GWS courses; 6
credits of GQ courses; and 6 credits of GS courses.

General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum
provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills
necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in
interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing
intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense
of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate
students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

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Writing Across the Curriculum

3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as
part of major requirements.

Total Minimum Credits

A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate
degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits.
Students should consult with their college or department adviser for
information on specific credit requirements.

Quality of Work

Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and
earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within
their degree program.

Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition

The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require
up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or
in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward
degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or
within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#83-80)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

Requirements for the Major

To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn a grade of C or
better in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as
specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44).

Common Requirements for the Major (All Options)

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Additional Courses

Select one of the following: 3

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Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better

ENGL 15  Rhetoric and Composition  3
ENGL 202C  Effective Writing: Technical Writing  3
ENGL 202D  Effective Writing: Business Writing
MATH 110  Techniques of Calculus I  4
or MATH 140  Calculus With Analytic Geometry I

Select one of the following:

CAS 100A  Effective Speech
CAS 100B  Effective Speech
CAS 100C  Effective Speech

Select one of the following:

CMPSC 121  Introduction to Programming Techniques
CMPSC 131  Programming and Computation I: Fundamentals
IST 140  Introduction to Application Development

Select one of the following:

CYBER 100  Computer Systems Literacy
CYBER 100S  Computer Systems Literacy
IST 110  Information, People and Technology

Select one of the following:

DS 200  Introduction to Data Sciences
STAT 200  Elementary Statistics
SCM 200  Introduction to Statistics for Business

Select one of the following:  1  3

ACCTG 211  Financial and Managerial Accounting for Decision Making
BA 100  Introduction to Business
ECON 102  Introductory Microeconomic Analysis and Policy  2
ECON 104  Introductory Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy  2
MGMT 301  Basic Management Concepts
MKTG 301  Principles of Marketing  2

Select one of the following:  1  3

CYBER 262  Cyber-Defense Studio
IST 226  Networking Essentials
IST 451  Network Security
IST 454  Computer and Cyber Forensics

Requirements for the Option

Select an option  18-19

1  These courses may not double count with other additional or option requirements.
2  Course does not require a grade of C or better.

Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better

Select 12 credits, with at least 3 credits at the 400 level, from the following:

IST 261  Application Development Design Studio I
IST 311  Object-Oriented Design and Software Applications
IST 361  Application Development Design Studio II
IST 411  Distributed-Object Computing
IST 412  The Engineering of Complex Software Systems
IST 413  Usability Engineering

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better

Select 6 credits from the 300 or 400 level in Advanced IT courses from College approved list.

Business Applications Option (19 credits)
Available at the following campuses: Abington, Altoona, Beaver, Berks, Brandywine, DuBois, Greater Allegheny, Hazleton, Lehigh Valley, Mont Alto, New Kensington, Schuylkill, Scranton, York

Code  Title  Credits
ACCTG 211  Financial and Managerial Accounting for Decision Making  4

Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better

Select one of the following:  1  3

FIN 301  Corporation Finance
MGMT 301  Basic Management Concepts
MKTG 301  Principles of Marketing
SCM 301  Supply Chain Management

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better

Select 6 credits from ACCTG, BA, BLAW, EBF, ECON, ENTR, FIN, FINSV, HPA, IB, LER, MIS, MGMT, MKTG, RM, SCM, or STAT, including 3 credits at the 400-level.

Select 3 credits at the 300 or 400 level in Advanced IT Business courses from College-approved list.

Select 3 credits at the 300 or 400 level in Advanced IT courses from College-approved list.

1  Option courses may not double count with other requirements.

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Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better

Select 12 credits, with at least 3 credits at the 400 level, in consultation with an adviser that follow a coherent theme in information technology.

Select 6 credits from the 300 or 400 level in Advanced IT courses from College-approved list.

Cybersecurity Option (18 credits)
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ACCTG 211  Financial and Managerial Accounting for Decision Making  4

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### Supporting Courses and Related Areas

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Select 6 credits at the 300 or 400 level in Advanced IT courses from College-approved list.

### Networking Option (18 credits)

**Available at the following campuses: Abington, DuBois, Mont Alto**

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Select 6 credits at the 300 or 400 level in Advanced IT courses from College-approved list.

### Security and Risk Analysis Option (18 credits)

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### Academic Advising

The objectives of the university’s academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of both in-and out-of-class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers.

Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The advisee's unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary academic adviser, the information needed to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY ([https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy/](https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy/))
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**Suggested Academic Plan**

The suggested academic plan(s) listed on this page are the plan(s) that are in effect during the 2021-22 academic year. To access previous years’ suggested academic plans, please visit the archive (https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive/) to view the appropriate Undergraduate Bulletin edition (Note: the archive only contain suggested academic plans beginning with the 2018-19 edition of the Undergraduate Bulletin).

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First-Year Seminar (IST 111S)  
1 General Education Course (GN or GA or GH)  

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Note: ENGL 15 or 30H (GWS) satisfies the General Writing Skills requirement.

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**Total Credits 120**

- * Course requires a grade of C or better for the major
- ‡ Course requires a grade of C or better for General Education
- # Course is an Entrance to Major requirement
- † Course satisfies General Education and degree requirement

**University Requirements and General Education Notes:**

US and IL are abbreviations used to designate courses that satisfy University Requirements (United States and International Cultures).

W, M, X, and Y are the suffixes at the end of a course number used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.

GWS, GQ, GHW, GN, GA, GH, and GS are abbreviations used to identify General Education program courses. General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ) and Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS, and Integrative Studies). Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of "C" or better.

Integrative Studies courses are required for the General Education program. N is the suffix at the end of a course number used to designate an Inter-Domain course and Z is the suffix at the end of a course number used to designate a Linked course.

**Advising Notes:**

- Business Selection Courses (cannot double count with other Additional or Option requirements):
  - ACCTG 211
  - BA 100
  - ECON 102
  - ECON 104
  - MGMT 301
  - MKTG 301

- Networking Selection Courses (cannot double count with other Additional or Option requirements):
  - CYBER 262
  - IST 226
  - IST 451
  - IST 454

- Option Courses:
  - Application Development:
    - Select 12 credits, with at least 3 credits at the 400 level from: IST 261, IST 311, IST 361, IST 411, IST 412, IST 413
  - Business Applications:
    - ACCTG 211
    - Select 3 credits from: FIN 301, MGMT 301, MKTG 301, SCM 301
    - Select 6 credits, with at least 3 credits at the 400 level from: ACCTG, BA, BLAW, EBF, ECON, ENTR, FIN, FINSV, HPA, IB, LER, MIS, MGMT, MKTG, RM, SCM, or STAT
  - Cybersecurity:
    - Select 12 credits, with at least 3 credits at the 400 level from: CYBER 262, IST 451, IST 454, IST 456, SRA 472, or any 300 or 400 level CYBER course
  - Security and Risk Analysis:
    - Select 12 credits, with at least 3 credits at the 400 level from: SRA 211, SRA 231, SRA 311, SRA 365, IST 432, IST 452, IST 456
Custom:
- Select 12 credits, with at least three (3) credits at the 400 level, in consultation with an adviser that follow a coherent theme in information technology

Advanced IT Courses (All Options)
- IST 402
- IST 413
- IST 425
- IST 431
- IST 446
- IST 454
- IST 456
- MIS 301
- MIS 390
- MIS 404
- SCM 340
- IST 432
- IST 456

Advanced IT – Business Applications Option Courses
- IST 425
- IST 456
- MIS 301
- MIS 390
- MIS 404
- MIS 431
- SCM 340

Career Paths
With a B.S. degree in Information Technology (IT), students will develop an understanding of core information technologies and prepare for the practical application of IT. The combination of a strong technical foundation, well-developed communication and collaborative skills, business core competencies, and specialization in an area of choice produces graduates who are well-qualified to enter the IT workforce in a position that meets their interests and abilities as well as the needs of employers in industries including consulting, business, government, defense, entertainment, and medicine.

Additional information about IT careers can be found at:
- IS Job Index – AIS – Temple University Information Systems Job Index (https://isjobindex.com/)

Opportunities for Graduate Studies
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Penn State offers graduate programs related to information technology:
- Master of Science in Information Systems at Penn State Harrisburg (https://harrisburg.psu.edu/business-administration/information-systems/master-science-information-systems/)
- Graduate Education Opportunities at College of Information Sciences and Technology (https://ist.psu.edu/prospective/graduate/)

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- Graduate Education Opportunities at College of Information Sciences and Technology (https://ist.psu.edu/prospective/graduate/)
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