

HUMAN-CENTERED DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT, B.S. (INFORMATION SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY)

Begin Campus: Abington, Altoona, Berks, Beaver, Brandywine, DuBois, Erie, Fayette, Greater Allegheny, Harrisburg, Hazleton, Lehigh Valley, Mont Alto, New Kensington, Shenango, Schuylkill, University Park, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton, York

End Campus: University Park

Program Description

The Human-Centered Design and Development major (HCDD) in the College of Information Sciences and Technology is a Bachelor of Science degree program that will educate students in the fundamental concepts and state-of-the-art skills in developing applications of technology for people, with a focus on learning outcomes needed to: a) identify opportunities to support human activity with technology; b) design and create useful and usable technology-mediated activities; and c) evaluate and iterate designed technologies in their context of use. Students graduating with a degree in HCDD will be positioned for successful careers in industry, government, and education, helping to ensure that our world of increasingly complex and pervasive technologies remains aligned with human aspirations, requirements, and limitations.

The HCDD major is interdisciplinary, combining foundational coursework in mathematics, statistics, information technology, and application development with specialized courses in social and psychological aspects of information and technology use, usability engineering, user research methods, and user interface design. The major draws on courses already taught as part of the IST BS degree, but also includes new courses that expand the user-centered analysis and design concepts and methodological rigor needed to succeed as an HCDD professional.

What is Human-Centered Design and Development?

Human-Centered Design and Development is the study of how to identify, design, build, and evaluate technologies to enhance people's lives. The field focuses on understanding people and their use of technology, the methods and tools used for designing and building effective technology solutions, and the modern information technologies used to create effective solutions. The field involves working with potential users and customers to understand their needs and unique contexts, and then how to design, build, and evaluate impactful products and services. Human-centered design and development integrates ideas from design thinking, human-computer interaction (HCI), interaction design, and user experience design with the skills and techniques needed for software development.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HUMAN-CENTERED DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT (<https://ist.psu.edu/prospective/undergraduate/academics/hcdd/>)

You Might Like This Program If...

- You are passionate about designing and building interactive technologies

- You want to design, build, and evaluate web, mobile, and other software applications
- You enjoy working with people to understand how they live and how technology fits into their lives
- You want to design, conduct, and interpret data from user studies
- You embrace uncertainty and change, and are not afraid to fail on the path to getting things right

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHY STUDENTS CHOOSE TO STUDY HUMAN-CENTERED DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT (<https://ist.psu.edu/prospective/undergraduate/academics/hcdd/>)

Entrance to Major

This program currently has administrative enrollment controls. Administrative Enrollment Controls are initiated when limitations of space, faculty, or other resources in a major prevent accommodating all students who request them. Students must follow the administrative enrollment controls that are in effect for the semester that they enter the university.

First-Year Students Entering Summer 2025, Fall 2025, Spring 2026

In order to be eligible for entrance to this major, students must satisfy the following requirements:

- be enrolled in the College of Information Sciences and Technology or the Division of Undergraduate Studies
- 40-70 graded Penn State credits (excludes transfer and AP credits)
- completed with a grade of C or better:
 - HCDD 113 or HCDD 113S
 - IST 140 or CMPSC 121 or CMPSC 131, or CMPSC 101 and IST 240
 - IST 242 or CMPSC 122 and CMPSC 221, or CMPSC 132 and CMPSC 221
 - IST 210, IST 220, STAT 200
- earned a minimum cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of 2.70

Students Who Entered Prior to Summer 2025

Students who entered the University from Summer 2018 through Spring 2025 should view the administrative enrollment controls in the appropriate Undergraduate Bulletin archive (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive/>). Students who entered the University prior to the summer 2018 semester should consult with their academic adviser about the administrative enrollment controls in effect for the semester they entered the university.

Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Science degree in Information Sciences and Technology, a minimum of 120 credits is required:

Requirement	Credits
General Education	45
Electives	6-12
Requirements for the Major	78-84

15 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 6 credits of GQ courses, 3 credits of GS courses, 6 credits of GWS courses.

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 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>).

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
IST 495	Internship	1
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
HCDD 264	Design Practice in Human-Centered Design and Development	3
HCDD 311	Object-Oriented Design and Software Applications	3
HCDD 340	Human-Centered Design for Mobile Computing	3
HCDD 364W	Methods for Studying Users	3
HCDD 411	Distributed-Object Computing	3
HCDD 412	The Engineering of Complex Software Systems	3
HCDD 440	Human-Centered Design and Development Capstone Course	3
IST 210	Organization of Data	3
IST 220	Networking and Telecommunications	3
IST 230	Language, Logic, and Discrete Mathematics	3
IST 256	Programming for the Web	3
IST 402	Emerging Issues and Technologies	3
STAT 200	Elementary Statistics	4
Additional Courses		
ENGL 15	Rhetoric and Composition	3
or ENGL 30H	Honors Rhetoric and Composition	
ENGL 202C	Effective Writing: Technical Writing	3
or ENGL 202D	Effective Writing: Business Writing	
PSYCH 100	Introductory Psychology	3
or SOC 3	Introductory Social Psychology	
Select 12 credits from the Application Focus course listings. These are listings maintained by the department as support of major courses. At least one course must be at the 400 level. Students may also complete a custom Application Focus course sequence with approval from an academic adviser and an HCDD teaching faculty member. Students may want to consider choosing courses that also fulfill US and/or IL requirements.		12
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
HCDD 113S	Foundations of Human-Centered Design and Development FYS	3
or HCDD 113	Foundations of Human-Centered Design and Development	
IST 261	Application Development Design Studio I	3
or HCDD 361	Application Development Design Studio II	
MATH 110	Techniques of Calculus I	4
or MATH 140	Calculus With Analytic Geometry I	
Select one of the following:		3-6
IST 140	Introduction to Application Development	
CMPSC 121	Introduction to Programming Techniques	
CMPSC 131	Programming and Computation I: Fundamentals	
CMPSC 101 & IST 240	Introduction to Programming and Introduction to Computer Languages	

Select one of the following:

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IST 242	Intermediate & Object-Oriented Application Development
CMPSC 221 & CMPSC 122	Object Oriented Programming with Web-Based Applications and Intermediate Programming
CMPSC 132 & CMPSC 221	Programming and Computation II: Data Structures and Object Oriented Programming with Web-Based Applications

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.

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 and Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

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

Breadth in the Knowledge Domains (Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Arts (GA):** 3 credits
- **Health and Wellness (GHW):** 3 credits
- **Humanities (GH):** 3 credits
- **Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS):** 3 credits
- **Natural Sciences (GN):** 3 credits

Integrative Studies

- **Inter-Domain Courses (Inter-Domain):** 6 credits

Exploration

- **GN**, may be completed with Inter-Domain courses: 3 credits
- **GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain courses.** This may include 3 credits of World Language course work beyond the 12th credit level or the requirements for the student's degree program, whichever is higher: 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.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult 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

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 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

Integrated B.S. in Human-Centered Design and Development and M.S. in Cybersecurity Analytics and Operations

Undergraduate degree available at the following campuses: Harrisburg, University Park

Graduate degree available at the following campuses: University Park

Requirements for the Integrated B.S. in Human-Centered Design and Development and M.S. in Cybersecurity Analytics and Operations can be found in the Graduate Bulletin (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/cybersecurity-analytics-operations/#integratedundergradgradtext>).

Integrated B.S. in Human-Centered Design and Development and M.S. in Informatics

Undergraduate degree available at the following campuses: Harrisburg, University Park

Graduate degree available at the following campuses: University Park

Requirements for the Integrated B.S. in Human-Centered Design and Development and M.S. in Informatics can be found in the Graduate Bulletin (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/informatics/#integratedundergradgradprogramstext>).

Program Learning Objectives

- **Understanding Humans:** Understanding how humans' physical and cognitive capabilities inform interaction and experience design.
- **Understanding Context:** Understanding the context and technology requirements of users and other stakeholders, and articulating how design and evaluation concerns are affected by their context.
- **Modeling Human Activity:** Developing models of human activity with and without technology support.
- **Prototyping:** Envisioning, designing, and evaluating new technology prototypes using appropriate interaction modalities, styles and techniques.
- **Developing Production and Technologies:** Developing working, production technologies to address identified design opportunities.
- **Evaluating:** Applying and developing skills in a mix of qualitative and quantitative methods to collect and analyze formative and summative usability data.
- **Managing HCDD Projects:** Selecting, organizing and implementing design and development activities involving users and other stakeholders.
- **Communicating:** Communicating with colleagues, users, and other stakeholders about complex ideas describing actual and envisioned technology in use.
- **Enacting Ethics:** Understanding the importance of professional ethics and enacting these in human-centered design and development practice.

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/students/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 2025-26 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.

Human-Centered Design and Development, B.S. at University Park Campus

The course series listed below provides **only one** of the many possible ways to move through this curriculum. The University may make changes in policies, procedures, educational offerings, and requirements at any time. This plan should be used in conjunction with your degree audit (accessible in LionPATH as either an **Academic Requirements** or **What If** report). Please consult with a Penn State academic adviser on a regular basis to develop and refine an academic plan that is appropriate for you.

First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HCDD 113/113S* [#]	3 STAT 200 (GQ)* [†] [#]	4
IST 140* [#]	3 IST 220* [#]	3
MATH 110 or 140 (GQ) [‡]	4 IST 242* [#]	3
PSYCH 100 or SOC 3 (GS) [‡]	3 ENGL 15 or 30H (GWS) [‡]	3
General Education Selection	3 General Education Selection	3
16		16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HCDD 264*	3 IST 311*	3
IST 210* [#]	3 IST 256*	3
IST 230*	3 CAS 100 (GWS) [‡]	3
IST 261*	3 Application Focus Selection	3
Application Focus Selection	3 Elective	3
15		15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
HCDD 340*	3 HCDD 364W*	3 IST 495* ¹	1
ENGL 202C or 202D (GWS) [‡]	3 HCDD 361 or IST 361 (or Elective)*	3	
Application Focus Selection	3 HCDD 412 or IST 412*	3	
General Education Selection	3 General Education Selection	3	
General Education Selection	3 General Education Selection	3	
15		15	1

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HCDD 411 or IST 411*	3 HCDD 440*	3
IST 402*	3 General Education Selection	3
Application Focus Selection (400-level)	3 General Education Selection	3
General Education Selection	3 Elective	3
Elective		3
12		15

Total Credits 120

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- ‡ 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

¹ 1 credit of IST 495 is required. A grade of "SA" must be earned in this course. This course can be completed at any time before graduation.

University Requirements and General Education Notes:

US and IL are abbreviations used to designate courses that satisfy Cultural Diversity 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.

General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ), Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS) and Integrative Studies (Inter-domain) requirements. N or Q (Honors) is the suffix at the end of a course number used to help identify an Inter-domain course, but the inter-domain attribute is used to fill audit requirements. Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of 'C' or better.

All incoming Schreyer Honors College first-year students at University Park will take ENGL 137H/CAS 137H in the fall semester and ENGL 138T/CAS 138T in the spring semester. These courses carry the GWS designation and satisfy a portion of that General Education requirement. If the student's program prescribes GWS these courses will replace both ENGL 15/ENGL 30H and CAS 100A/CAS 100B/CAS 100C. Each course is 3 credits.

Application Focus Areas:

Students pick one of the tracks below or create a custom 4-course application focus. Students must pick three (3) credits at the 400 level. All twelve (12) credits must be in the same application focus area. It is recommended that students use the application focus area list to select a course that meets a General Education requirement (GS/GHW) and serves as a prerequisite for more advanced coursework within the application focus.

Data Sciences

Code	Title	Credits
DS 120	Scripting for Data Sciences	1
DS 200	Introduction to Data Sciences	4
DS 220	Data Management for Data Sciences	3
DS 300	Privacy and Security for Data Sciences	3
DS 310	Machine Learning for Data Analytics	3
DS 330	Visual Analytics for Data Sciences	3
DS 402	Emerging Trends in the Data Sciences	3
DS 410	Programming Models for Big Data	3
MIS 301	Business Analytics	3
MIS 431	Business Data Management	3
MIS 441	Business Intelligence for Decision Making	3
MIS 445	Business Intelligence	4
STAT 184	Introduction to R	2
STAT 380	Data Science Through Statistical Reasoning and Computation	3

Digital Arts and Communication

Code	Title	Credits
AA 121	Design Thinking and Creativity	3
AA 122	Introduction to Graphic Storytelling	3
CAS 101N	Introduction to Human Communication	3
CAS 175N	Persuasion and Propaganda	3
CAS 215	Argumentation	3
CAS 271N	Intercultural Communication	3
CAS 383N	Culture and Technology	3
CAS 471	Intercultural Communication Theory and Research	3
COMM 100N	The Mass Media and Society	3
COMM 190/ GAME 140	Gaming and Interactive Media	3
COMM 241	Graphic Design for Communications	3
COMM 310	Digital Media Metrics	3
COMM 320	Introduction to Advertising	3
COMM 325	Effects of digital games	3
COMM 370	Public Relations	3
COMM 372	Digital Public Relations	3
COMM 418	Media Effects: Theory and Research	3
COMM 420	Research Methods in Advertising and Public Relations	3
COMM 422	Advertising Media Planning	3
COMM 441	Advanced Graphic Design for Communications	3
COMM 450	Digital Advertising	3
COMM 450A	Digital Campaigns	3
GD 100	Introduction to Graphic Design	3

- Note that the College of Arts and Architecture is currently developing new courses that will fit into this focus area and added to this list once the new courses are approved and available.

Geographic Information Systems

Code	Title	Credits
CAS 101N	Introduction to Human Communication	3
GEOG 6N	Maps and the Geospatial Revolution	3

GEOG 260	Geographic Information in a Changing World: Introduction to GIScience	3
GEOG 361	Cartography—Maps and Map Construction	3
GEOG 362	Image Analysis	3
GEOG 363	Geographic Information Systems	3
GEOG 364	Spatial Analysis	3
GEOG 461W	Dynamic Cartographic Representation	3
GEOG 463	Geospatial Information Management	3
GEOG 464	Advanced Spatial Analysis	3
GEOG 485	GIS Programming and Software Development	3
Any ARMY, NAVSC, AIR ROTC		1-6

Healthcare

Code	Title	Credits
BBH 101	Introduction to Biobehavioral Health	3
BBH 302	Diversity and Health	3
BBH 305	Introduction to Global Health Issues	3
BBH 315	Gender and Biobehavioral Health	3
BBH 316	Foundations and Principles of Health Promotion	3
BBH 402	African Health & Development	3
BBH 432	Biobehavioral Aspects of Stress	3
BBH 440	Principles of Epidemiology	3
HDFS 210	Ethnicity, Health and Aging	3
HDFS 249N	Adult Development and Aging	3
HDFS 445	Development Throughout Adulthood	3
HPA 101	Introduction to Health Services Organization	3
HPA 210	Health Care Payment	3
HPA 211	Financial Decisions in Health Care Organizations	3
HPA 301W	Health Services Policy Issues	3
HPA 311	Population Health and Healthcare	3
HPA 332	Health Systems Management	3
HPA 470	Health Care Information Management	3

Informatics

Code	Title	Credits
ENGR 310	Entrepreneurial Leadership	3
ETI 301	Information and Organizations	3
or IST 301		
HCDD 446		3
or IST 446	An Introduction to Building Computer/Video Games	
IST 222H	Community Informatics	3
IST 234N	Digital Cultures	3
IST 402	Emerging Issues and Technologies	3
IST 431	The Information Environment	3
MGMT 215	Entrepreneurial Mindset	3

Psychology

Code	Title	Credits
PSYCH 221	Introduction to Social Psychology	3
PSYCH 244	Introduction to the Psychology of Human Factors Engineering	3
PSYCH 253	Introduction to Psychology of Perception	3
PSYCH 256	Introduction to Cognitive Psychology	3
PSYCH 301W	Basic Research Methods in Psychology	4

PSYCH 370	Psychology of the Differently-Abled	3
PSYCH 420	Advanced Social Psychology	3
PSYCH 421	Self and Social Judgment	3
PSYCH 423	Social Psychology of Interpersonal/Intergroup Relationships	3
PSYCH 458	Visual Cognition	3

- Note that this assumes PSYCH 100 will be chosen from Additional Courses, as it is a prerequisite for many of these classes.

Security and Risk

Code	Title	Credits
CYBER 100	Computer Systems Literacy	3
CYBER 221		3
or SRA 221	Overview of Information Security	
CYBER 262	Cyber-Defense Studio	3
CYBER 366	Malware Analytics	3
SRA 111	Introduction to Security and Risk Analysis	3
SRA 211	Threat of Terrorism and Crime	3
SRA 231	Decision Theory and Analysis	3
SRA 268	Visual Analytics	3
SRA 311	Risk Analysis in a Security Context	3
SRA 421	The Intelligence Environment	3
SRA 468	Spatial Analysis of Risks	3
SRA 472	Integration of Privacy and Security	3
Any ARMY, NAVSC, AIR ROTC		1-6

Sociology

Code	Title	Credits
SOC 5	Social Problems	3
SOC 120N	Knowing Right from Wrong	3
SOC 207	Research Methods in Sociology	3
SOC 403	Advanced Social Psychology	3
SOC 404	Social Influence and Small Groups	3
SOC 405	Sociological Theory	3
SOC 422	World Population Diversity	3
SOC 423	Social Demography	3
SOC 425	Social Conflict	3
SOC 459	Communities and Crime	3
SOC 467	Law and Society	3

- Note that this assumes SOC 3 will be chosen from Additional Courses, as it is a prerequisite for many of these classes.

Custom Application Focus

There is an option for a student to create a custom 4-course application focus sequence. It must be a coherent sequence of courses that provides context for the student in terms of content relevant to the HCDD program. It must contain three credits of 400-level coursework, so it's important to consider course prerequisites when creating your custom application focus area. It must be selected in consultation with a teaching HCDD faculty member and an academic adviser.

Human-Centered Design and Development, B.S. at Commonwealth Campuses

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IST 210*#	3 STAT 200 (GQ)*†#††	4
MATH 110 or 140 (GQ)††	4 ENGL 15 or 30H (GWS)†	3
General Education Selection	3 CAS 100 (GWS)†	3
General Education Selection	3 General Education Selection	3
16		16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
IST 140*#1	3 IST 242*#2	3
PSYCH 100 or SOC 3 (GS)††	3 Application Focus Selection or General Education Selection	3
Application Focus Selection or General Education Selection	3 General Education Selection	3
General Education Selection	3 General Education Selection	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
15		15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
IST 311*	3 HCDD 364W*	3 IST 495*3	1
HCDD 264*	3 IST 361*	3	
ENGL 202C or 202D (GWS)†	3 IST 230*	3	
IST 261 (or Elective)*	3 IST 256*	3	
Application Focus Selection or General Education Selection	3 Application Focus Selection or General Education Selection	3	
15		15	1

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
IST 412*	3 HCDD 440*	3
IST 402*	3 IST 411*	3
HCDD 340*	3 Application Focus Selection	3
Application Focus Selection (400-level)	3 General Education Selection	3
	Elective	3
12		15

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- 1 Students may meet the requirement for IST 140 by taking one of the following alternate paths: CMPSC 121, or CMPSC 131, or CMPSC 101 and IST 240
- 2 Students may meet the requirement for IST 242 by taking one of the following alternate paths: CMPSC 121 and CMPSC 221, or CMPSC 131 and CMPSC 221
- 3 1 credit of IST 495 is required. A grade of "SA" must be earned in this course. This course can be completed at any time before graduation.

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Application Focus Areas:

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academic adviser to find out which courses and focuses are available at your campus.

Career Paths

Society increasingly recognizes the need for technologies designed to account for people's capabilities, needs, desires, and limitations. Human-Centered Design and Development graduates have many career paths available to them depending on their strengths, interests, and focus of study.

Students with more technical interests can become web and mobile application developers, front-end developers, and user interface/user experience designers and developers. Those most interested in the human dimension of technology can become usability researchers, interaction designers, and product managers. In addition, there are many opportunities to pursue graduate study in these areas.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIAL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATES OF THE HUMAN-CENTERED DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (<https://www.ist.psu.edu/current/careers/development/process/path/>)

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