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School of Business

INFORMATION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The bachelor of science in information science and technology (IST) is a STEM degree that will provide you with the necessary skills to connect management and technology in today's workforce. Graduates in this field empower organizations by managing and supporting information systems to yield a more efficient and profitable enterprise.

There is great demand for IT professionals who have both strong technical knowledge and broad understanding of business. These individuals are needed to implement and manage technology that supports business processes, managerial decision-making and organizational communication. Although this is a computing-focused program, you'll spend most of your day working with people, not machines. To this end, all IST majors are eligible to receive a minor in business without any additional coursework.

DEGREE CURRICULUM

Information Science and Technology Core

Your classes will include a core set of courses that will provide you with understanding of programming concepts, database management, data science, data networks, information systems design, technology management, and e-commerce.

Information Science and Technology Electives

To prepare yourself for a beginning career, you will take at least fifteen credits (five courses) of IST electives. You are encouraged to designate areas of concentration by pursuing one of a dozen minors offered by our department in many popular, high-demand areas.

Common Core

You will join your business and management systems classmates in a common core set of classes. These classes reflect the theme of integration of business and technology, and represent information technology, management, quantitative, and communication skills.

Experiential Learning

You will be required to engage in an experiential learning activity. These activities are designed to require you to go beyond mastering basic skills and knowledge in the practical application of that material and allow you to learn in environments that align with your aptitudes.

POPULAR PROFESSIONS

(Preparation for some of these careers requires specific courses)

- Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning - Machine Learning Engineer, AI Research Scientist, AI Product Manager
- Business Analytics and Data Science - Business Intelligence Analyst, Data Analyst, Operations Research Analyst
- Computer Infrastructure - Network Administrator, Cloud Infrastructure Engineer, Database Administrator
- Cybersecurity and Information Assurance - Cybersecurity Analyst, Information Security Officer, Penetration Tester
- Digital Commerce - E-Commerce Manager, Digital Marketing Specialist, IoT Solutions Architect
- Enterprise Resource Planning - ERP Consultant, Business Intelligence Developer, Enterprise Architect
- Software Systems - Software Developer, Application Architect, Full Stack Developer, Business Application Manager
- Technological Innovation - Chief Innovation Officer, Digital Transformation Consultant, Innovation Program Manager

AVERAGE STARTING SALARIES - CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND EMPLOYER RELATION STATISTICS

\$77,655

Average starting salary for undergraduates as of 2024

\$85,715

Average starting salary for MS IST graduates as of 2023

\$3,584

Average monthly salary for internships and co-ops as of 2022

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B.S. Information Science and Technology

Degree Curriculum Effective Fall 2025

NOTE: Current students should consult their degree audit (found online at mydegree.mst.edu) to view their specific degree requirements. Degree requirements change over time. Students are normally held to the requirements in effect when they began their college studies. If you are a transfer student or have interrupted your studies, special rules may apply to your situation.

I. General Education (35 credit hours)

(1) ___ Introduction to College Success, BUS 1810

Natural Systems (10 credit hours)

(3) ___ General Psychology, PSYCH 1101³
(6) ___ Science Elective^{1,3} (Must be from two disciplines.)
(1) ___ Science Lab³

Human Institutions (12 credit hours)

(3) ___ Fine Art, or Humanities Elective²
(3) ___ Principles of Microeconomics, ECON 1100³
(3) ___ Principles of Macroeconomics, ECON 1200³
(3) ___ American Government, POL SCI 1200³

Communication Skills (12 credit hours)

(3) ___ Principles of Speech, SP&M S 1185³
(3) ___ Exposition and Argumentation, ENGLISH 1120³
(3) ___ Intro to Web Design and Digital Media Studies, IS&T 4654
(3) ___ Technical Marketing Communication, ENGLISH/TCH COM 2560³

II. Common Core Courses (27 credit hours)

Information Technology (12 credit hours)

(3) ___ Introduction to Management Information Systems, IS&T 1750
(3) ___ Implementing Information Systems: User Perspective, IS&T 1551
(3) ___ Implementing Information Systems: Data Perspective, IS&T 1552
(3) ___ Introduction to Enterprise Resource Planning, ERP 2110

Management (12 credit hours)

(3) ___ Introduction to Management and Entrepreneurship, BUS 1110
(3) ___ Financial Accounting, BUS 1210
(3) ___ Corporate Finance I, FINANCE 2150
(3) ___ Marketing, MKT 3110

Entrepreneurship (3 credit hours)

(3) ___ Business Models for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, BUS 5980

III. IST Core (24 credit hours)

(3) ___ Database Management, IS&T 3423
(3) ___ Data Networks and Information Security, IS&T 3333
(3) ___ Systems Analysis, IS&T 3343
(3) ___ Introduction to Data Science and Management, IS&T 3420
(3) ___ Introduction to Data Warehouses, IS&T 4444
(3) ___ Business Analytics and Data Science, IS&T 5420
(3) ___ Data Science & Machine Learning with Python, IS&T 5520
(3) ___ Fundamentals of Cybersecurity Analytics, IS&T 5725

IV. IST Electives (15 credit hours)¹

Select any **five** courses (at 3000-level or above) from IS&T or ERP. Any of BUS 5730, BUS 5910, COMP SCI 4700, COMP SCI 5601 will also count toward this requirement. Some optional classes are listed below.

Artificial Intelligence, Business Analytics and Data Science

(3) ___ Introduction to Information Visualization, IS&T 5450
(3) ___ Machine Learning Algorithms and Applications, IS&T 5535
(3) ___ Machine Learning and AI for Business, BUS 5730

Cybersecurity and Information Assurance

(3) ___ Fundamentals of Cybersecurity Analytics, IS&T 5725
(3) ___ Human and Organizational Factors in Cybersecurity, IS&T 5780
(3) ___ Privacy and Information Security, BUS 5910
(3) ___ Security Operations and Program Management, COMP SCI 5601

Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)

(3) ___ ERP Software Development, ERP 4120
(3) ___ Intro to Enterprise Decision Dashboard Prototyping, ERP 4220
(3) ___ Customer Relationship Management in ERP, ERP 4610
(3) ___ ERP Systems Design and Implementation, ERP 5110
(3) ___ ERP in Small and Mid-Size Enterprises, ERP 5130
(3) ___ Performance Dashboard, Scorecard, & Data Vis. ERP 5210
(3) ___ Enterprise Application Dev. & Software Security, ERP 5240
(3) ___ Supply Chain Management Systems in ERP, ERP 5310
(3) ___ Use of Business Intelligence, ERP 5410

Human-Computer Interaction and User Experience

(3) ___ Digital Media Development and Interactive Design, IS&T 5680
(3) ___ Human-Computer Interaction & User Experience IS&T 5885

Other IST Electives

(3) ___ Information Systems Project Management, IS&T 4261
(3) ___ Technological Innovation Management, IS&T 5251
(3) ___ Intellectual Property for Computer Scientists, COMP SCI 4700
(3) ___ Foundations of Data Management, IS&T 5423

V. Quantitative Skills (8 credit hours)

(5) ___ Calculus I-A, MATH 1210³
(3) ___ Statistical Tools For Decision Making, STAT 3111
OR Statistics for the Social Sciences, STAT 1115

VI. Free Electives (11 credit hours)

120 Hours

A grade of "C" or better is required in the following courses for graduation: BUS 1110, BUS 1210, BUS 1810, BUS 5980, ECON 1100, ECON 1200, ERP 2110, FINANCE 2150, MKT 3110, IS&T 1551, IS&T 1551, IS&T 1750, IS&T 3333, IS&T 3343, IS&T 3420, IS&T 3423, IS&T 4444, IS&T 4654, IS&T 5420, IS&T 5520, IS&T 5725 and all IS&T electives (can include BUS 5730, BUS 5910, COMP SCI 4700, COMP SCI 5601 or any IS&T or ERP designated course at the 3000-level or above).

1 General education elective courses in two of the following areas: biology, chemistry, geology, or physics must fulfill the Missouri S&T general education requirements applicable to the student's catalog year.

2 General education elective courses in two of the following areas: art, history, music, or theater must fulfill the Missouri S&T general education requirements applicable to the students catalog year.

3 General education discipline required course. These fulfill the Missouri S&T general education requirements applicable to the student's catalog year.