

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, BS

2016 - 2017

The BS in Information Technology program aims to meet the existing and emerging needs of industry by educating new IT workers in current IT principles and practices, and in its applications. The program focuses on equipping graduates with effective skills for interacting at the management level as well as the technical level. Graduates fill jobs that focus on the application of IT in an increasing number of sub-disciplines, including application development, data management, health information technology, information security, network administration, telecommunications, web development. The BS in Information Technology program is accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET, <http://www.abet.org>.

Admission Requirements

Students who meet Mason's general eligibility requirements may apply for admission to the Information Technology major. Admission is based on the appropriateness of student's academic objectives and the likelihood of the student benefiting from the program. Preference in admission is given to students who have four years of high school mathematics, including pre-calculus.

Degree Requirements

The IT program can be successfully completed in 8 full-time semesters with an average of 15 credits each semester, as shown in the sample schedule. It is also possible for students to complete the degree on a part-time basis. The 120-credit degree requirement consists of Mason Core requirements, IT foundation and core courses, and courses required for the chosen IT concentration area. Students must complete requirements for at least one of six IT concentration areas. Lower division program courses are primarily taught at the Fairfax campus, while upper division program courses are primarily taught at the Science and Technology campus, where many Department of Information Sciences and Technology faculty offices are located. Distance education sections are available for the majority of program courses.

At least 45 semester hours of the degree requirements must be level 300 or above, and at least 30 semester hours toward the BS degree must be earned at George Mason University. Students must have a C or better in any course that satisfies a prerequisite for an IT course. To graduate with the BS in Information Technology, students must have a GPA of 2.75 or better across the IT foundation, core, capstone, and concentration courses. Additionally, students must have a C or better in their foundation, core, capstone, and concentration courses.

IT Foundation, Core, Concentration, and Capstone Requirements

In addition to Mason Core requirements, the BS in Information Technology requires IT foundation, core, and concentration courses as described below. The IT major also requires a 7-credit capstone design project, to be completed over a period of two consecutive semesters.

1. Foundation Courses

IT 102 Discrete Structures *or*
MATH 125 Discrete Mathematics I
IT 104 Introduction to Computing
IT 105 IT Architecture Fundamentals
IT 106 Introduction to IT Problem Solving Using Computer Programming
IT 206 Object Oriented Techniques for IT Problem Solving
IT 216 Systems Analysis and Design
STAT 250 Introductory Statistics I

3. Two-Semester Capstone Sequence

IT 492 Senior Design Project I
IT 493 Senior Design Project II

2. Core Courses

IT 207 Applied IT Programming
IT 213 Multimedia and Web Design
IT 214 Database Fundamentals
IT 223 Information Security Fundamentals
IT 300 Modern Telecommunications
IT 304 IT in the Global Economy
IT 341 Data Communications and Network Principles
IT 342 Operating Systems Fundamentals
IT 343 IT Project Management
MBUS 300 Accounting in a Global Economy
SYST 469 Human Computer Interaction

4. Other Requirements

IT 293 Applied IT: Junior Transition
COMM 100 Public Speaking *or*
COMM 101 Interpersonal and Group Interaction
Natural Science with Lab
Natural Science without Lab
MATH 108 Introductory Calculus with Business Applications *or*
MATH 113 Analytic Geometry and Calculus

Advanced Study: Mason offers students the ability to complete both BS and MS degrees in a shorter time through an Accelerated Masters (MS) program. Choosing to pursue an accelerated MS may affect a student's choice of courses in the BS program. Students should consult with an advisor for assistance. See <http://ist.gmu.edu/go/advising> for more information.

5. Concentration Area

Students choose one of six concentrations from the list below. To be eligible to choose a concentration, a student must have a B or better grade in the concentration's gateway course. To fulfill the requirements for a concentration, students need 15 credits made up of four courses from their chosen concentration and a fifth course chosen from any of the six concentrations. All concentration courses require a grade of B or better in the prerequisite gateway course.

Database Technology and Programming (DTP)

Gateway: IT 206 OO Tech/IT Problem Solving *or* IT 214 Database Fundamentals

IT 306 Program Design and Data Structures
 IT 308 Event-Driven Programming
 IT 314 Database Management
 IT 315 Mobile Development
 IT 322 Healthcare Data Challenges
 IT 344 Info Storage and Management Technologies
 IT 369 Data and Application Security
 IT 390 Rapid Dev of Scalable Applications
 IT 410 Java Web Programming
 IT 414 Database Administration
 IT 490 Application Maintenance/Spiral Development

Health Information Technology (HIT)

Gateway: IT 214 Database Fundamentals

HAP 360 Intro to Health Information Systems
 IT 322 Healthcare Data Challenges
 IT 324 Electronic Health Records
 IT 390 Rapid Dev of Scalable Applications
 STAT 362 Intro to Computer Statistical Packages

Information Security (INFS)

Gateway: IT 223 Info Security Fundamentals

IT 352 Security Administration of Linux Systems
 IT 353 Information Defense Technologies
 IT 357 Computer Crime, Forensics, and Auditing
 IT 366 Network Security I
 IT 369 Data and Application Security
 IT 429 Security Accreditation of Info Systems
 IT 462 Information Security Principles
 IT 466 Network Security II
 IT 467 Network Defense

Information Technology Entrepreneurship (ITE)

Gateway: IT 106 Intro to IT Problem Solving

IT 315 Mobile Development
 IT 390 Rapid Dev of Scalable Applications
 IT 490 Application Maintenance/Spiral Development
 IT 495 Turning Ideas into Successful Companies
 IT 496 Decision Making in IT Ventures
 MBUS 304 Entrepreneurship: Starting/Managing a New Enterprise

Network and Telecommunications (NTEL)

Gateway: IT 341 Data Comm/Network Pncpls

ECE 301 Digital Electronics
 IT 366 Network Security I
 IT 441 Network Servers and Infrastructures
 IT 445 Advanced Networking Principles II
 IT 455 Wireless Communications and Networking
 IT 465 Peer-to-Peer Systems/Overlay Networks
 IT 484 Voice Communications Technologies
 IT 488 Fundamentals of Satellite Communications

Web Development and Multimedia (WDM)

Gateway: IT 213 Multimedia/Web Design

IT 315 Mobile Development
 IT 331 Web I: Web Development
 IT 332 Web Site Administration
 IT 335 Web Dev Using Content Mgmt Systems
 IT 390 Rapid Dev of Scalable Applications
 IT 415 Information Visualization
 IT 431 Web II: Advance Web Development
 IT 436 Agile Web Development

Sample Schedule for Information Technology, BS (For students without an Associate Degree)

First Semester	Credits	Second Semester	Credits
ENGH 101 Composition	3	Mason Core: Non-Lab Natural Science	3
HIST 100 History of Western Civilization	3	Mason Core: Literature	3
IT 104 Introduction to Computing	3	COMM 100 Public Speaking	3
IT 105 IT Architecture Fundamentals	3	IT 102 Discrete Structures	3
MATH 108 Introductory Calculus with Business Applications	3	IT 106 Introduction to IT Problem Solving Using Computer Programming	3
Total Hours	15	Total Hours	15
Third Semester		Fourth Semester	
Mason Core: Natural Science with Lab	4	Mason Core: Arts	3
Mason Core: Social and Behavioral Science	3	IT 207 Applied IT Programming	3
IT 206 Object Oriented Techniques for IT Problem Solving	3	IT 216 Systems Analysis and Design	3
IT 213 Multimedia and Web Design	3	IT 223 Information Security Fundamentals	3
IT 214 Database Fundamentals	3	IT 293 Applied IT: Junior Transition	1
		STAT 250 Introductory Statistics I	3
Total Hours	16	Total Hours	16
Fifth Semester		Sixth Semester	
ENGH 302 Advanced Comp (Business, Nat Sci, or Multi-Disc)	3	IT 342 Operating System Fundamentals	3
IT 300 Modern Telecommunications	3	IT 343 IT Project Management	3
IT 304 IT in the Global Economy	3	IT Concentration Course	3
IT 341 Data Communications and Network	3	MBUS 300 Accounting in a Global Economy	3
SYST 469 Human Computer Interaction	3	Elective	3
Total Hours	15	Total Hours	15
Seventh Semester		Eighth Semester	
Mason Core: Global Understanding	3	IT 493 Senior Design Project II	4
IT 492 Senior Design Project I	3	IT Concentration Course	3
IT Concentration Course	3	IT Concentration Course	3
IT Concentration Course	3	Elective	3
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Total Hours	15	Total Hours	13

Program Questions? Email: bsit@gmu.edu; Website: <http://ist.gmu.edu>; Advising Appointments: <http://ist.gmu.edu/go/advising>

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