

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MAJOR (B.S.)

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Description

Information technology is concerned primarily with the application of existing computing technologies to the information needs of organizations and individual computer users. The IT program aims to provide graduates with the skills and knowledge to take on appropriate professional positions in information technology upon graduation and grow into leadership positions in the field. Potential careers include network administrator, database developer, system administrator, and webmaster.

The broad objectives for B.S. in information technology graduates are:

1. Apply the full range of core IT concepts and techniques to fill the IT needs of an organization and be prepared to assume managerial and other advanced responsibilities,
2. Confront new problems effectively and anticipate the changing directions of technology,
3. Communicate effectively with diverse stakeholders as well as function appropriately in a team environment,
4. Navigate within the complex relationships between IT and larger organizational goals, and
5. Understand the pervasive and changing role of computing technology in global society, and participate responsibly as both IT professional and citizen.

The B.S. in information technology program is accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission of [ABET](#).

Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Information Technology Courses		
CS 400	Introduction to Computing	1
CS 415 & CS 416	Introduction to Computer Science I and Introduction to Computer Science II	8
or CS 414 & CS 417	From Problems to Algorithms to Programs and From Programs to Computer Science	
or CS 410P & CS 417	Introduction to Scientific Programming/Python and From Programs to Computer Science	
or CS 410C & CS 417	Introduction to Scientific Programming/C and From Programs to Computer Science	
CS 501	Professional Ethics and Communication in Technology-related Fields	4
CS 518	Introduction to Software Engineering	4
CS 527	Fundamentals of Cybersecurity	4
IT 403	Introduction to Internet Technologies	4
IT 505	Integrative Programming	4
IT 520	Computer Architecture	4
IT 609	Network/Systems Administration	4
IT 699	Internship	1
IT 705	Project Management for Information Technology	4
IT 775	Database Technology	4
IT 791 & IT 792	Senior Project I and Senior Project II	4
IT Electives (select three)		12
IT 502	Intermediate Web Design	

IT 604	Server-side Web Development	
IT 605	Client-side Web Development	
IT 612	Scripting Languages	
IT 630	Data Science and Analytics	
IT 666	Cybersecurity Practices	
IT 704	Advanced Web Development	
IT 718	Cloud Computing Principles	
IT 725	Network Technology	
IT 780	Topics in Information Technology	
Mathematics Courses		
MATH 425	Calculus I	4
MATH 539	Introduction to Statistical Analysis	4
Science Courses ¹		
One Discovery Biological Science (BS) with Discovery Lab		4
One Discovery Physical Science (PS) with Discovery Lab		4
Other Courses		
Discovery requirements not already covered by required courses		24
General Electives		6-8
Minor, Second Major, or Dual Degree ²		20
Total Credits		128-130

- ¹ Courses must carry the Discovery attributes of Biological Science or Physical Science and include Discovery lab (DLAB).
- ² Students must complete a Minor (from an approved list) or a Second major or Dual degree

Information technology majors must maintain an overall grade-point average of 2.0 or better in all required information technology and computer science required courses in order to graduate. If at the end of any semester, including the first, a student's cumulative grade-point average in these courses falls below 2.0, the student may not be allowed to continue as an IT major. In order to meet the IT major requirements, the following courses must be passed with a grade of C- or better: CS 410P, CS 410C, CS 414, CS 415, CS 416, CS 417, IT 403, IT 505, IT 520.

If a student wishing to transfer into the information technology major has any coursework that is applicable to the major, the grades in those courses must satisfy the minimum grade requirements for the B.S. degree in information technology. The student must have an overall grade-point average of 2.0 or better in all courses taken at the University.

In addition to the core IT requirements, each student must complete a complementary set of courses in a particular domain outside of IT to which the student's IT skills can be applied. This set of courses can be completed in one of the following ways:

1. An approved minor**;
2. A second major or UNH dual degree.

**An approved list of minors is available from the CS Department and requires at least (5) courses to complete.

Degree Plan

The following is a sample schedule depicting the necessary requirements and the layout of the curriculum. Students must consult with their advisers in order to come up with the proper schedule for themselves.

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Fall		
CS 400	Introduction to Computing	1

CS 414	From Problems to Algorithms to Programs	4
IT 403	Introduction to Internet Technologies	4
MATH 425	Calculus I	4
Discovery		4

Credits 17

Spring

CS 417	From Programs to Computer Science	4
ENGL 401	First-Year Writing (Discovery)	4
Discovery		4
Physical Science (DLAB)		4

Credits 16

Second Year

Fall

IT 505	Integrative Programming	4
IT 520	Computer Architecture	4
CS 501	Professional Ethics and Communication in Technology-related Fields	4
Discovery		4

Credits 16

Spring

CS 518	Introduction to Software Engineering	4
CS 527	Fundamentals of Cybersecurity	4
MATH 539	Introduction to Statistical Analysis	4
Biological Science (DLAB)		4

Credits 16

Third Year

Fall

IT 609	Network/Systems Administration	4
IT 705	Project Management for Information Technology	4
IT Elective (1 of 3)		4
Minor (1 of 5)		4

Credits 16

Spring

IT 699	Internship	1
IT 775	Database Technology	4
Minor (2 of 5)		4
Discovery		4
Free Elective		4

Credits 17

Fourth Year

Fall

IT 791	Senior Project I	2
IT Elective (2 of 3)		4
Minor (3 of 5)		4
Discovery		4
Free Elective (optional)		

Credits 14

Spring

IT 792	Senior Project II	2
IT Elective (3 of 3)		4
Minor (4 of 5)		4

Minor (5 of 5)	4
Free Elective or Fourth Writing Intensive	4
Credits	18
Total Credits	130

Student Learning Outcomes

- Analyze a complex computing problem and to apply principles of computing and other relevant disciplines to identify solutions.
- Design, implement, and evaluate a computing-based solution to meet a given set of computing requirements in the context of the program's discipline.
- Communicate effectively in a variety of professional contexts.
- Recognize professional responsibilities and make informed judgments in computing practice based on legal and ethical principles.
- Function effectively as a member or leader of a team engaged in activities appropriate to the program's discipline.
- Identify and analyze user needs and to take them into account in the selection, creation, integration, evaluation, and administration of computing-based systems.
- Self-learning skills, exposure to technologies new to the students, practice in understanding those technologies on their own.