

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, B.S. (ALTOONA)

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Altoona

Suggested Academic Plan

The suggested academic plan(s) listed on this page are the plan(s) that are in effect during the 2026-27 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.

Advanced IT Selection – All Options

As noted in each Suggested Academic Plan below, all options of the Information Technology, B.S. major require students to select 300 or 400 level Advanced IT courses from a College-approved list. Students in the Business Application option must select 3 credits of these Advanced IT courses. Students in all other options must select 6 credits of these Advanced IT courses. The list of Advanced IT courses that all students may choose from includes the following:

Code	Title	Credits
IST 402	Emerging Issues and Technologies	3
IST 413		3
IST 425	New Venture Creation	3
IST 431	The Information Environment	3
IST 446		3
IST 454		3
IST 456		3
MIS 390	Foundations of Information Systems	3
MIS 404	Introduction to ERP and Business Processes	3
IST 301		3
IST 420		3
IST 421		3
IST 432	Legal and Regulatory Environment of Information Science and Technology	3
IST 452	Legal and Regulatory Environment of Privacy and Security	3

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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	
ENGL 15 or 30H (GWS) [†]	3	CAS 100 (GWS) [‡]	3	
IST 110 or CYBER 100 ^{*#}	3	MATH 110 or 140 (GQ) [‡]	4	
IST 140 ^{*#} or CMPSC 121 (GQ) ^{#‡} or CMPSC 131 ^{*#}	3	IST 220 ^{*#}	3	
SRA 111 (GS) ^{*†}	3	IST 242 [*]	3	
First-Year Seminar (IST 111S)	1	General Education Course (GN or GA or GH)	3	
General Education Course (GN or GA or GH) or Elective	3			
16		16		
Second Year				
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits	
Business Selection [*]	3	IST 210 ^{*#}	3	
SRA 221 [*]	3	IST 230 [*]	3	
STAT 200 [‡] (GQ) or SCM 200 [‡] (GQ) or DS 200 [*]	4	IST 256 [*]	3	
ECON 102/ ECON 104 or PSYCH 100/ SOC 5 or PLSC 1/PLSC 14 (GS) [†]	3	ENGL 202C or 202D (GWS) [‡]	3	
Elective or General Education Course (GN/GA/ GH)	3	General Education Course (GN or GA or GH)	3	
16		15		
Third Year				
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits Summer Credits	
IST 302 [*]	3	IST 260W [*]	3	IST 495 [*] 1
IST 331 [*]	3	Option 2 [*]	3	
Option 1 [*]	3	Networking Selection [*]	3	
General Education Course (GN or GA or GH)	3	Advanced IT Selection 1 [*]	3	
General Education Course (GN or GA or GH)	3	General Education Course (GN or GA or GH)	3	
15		15		
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Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ETI 461 *	3 IST 440W *	3
Option 3 *	3 Option 4 *	3
General Education Course (GHW)	3 Advanced IT or Business IT Selection 2 *	3
Elective	3 General Education Course (GN or GA or GH)	3
	Elective	2
	12	14

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 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.

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
- Specialized Technology:
 - 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 345
 - MIS 390
 - MIS 404
 - MIS 431
 - SCM 340