

INFORMATION SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY, A.S. (BERKS)

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: Berks

End Campus: Berks

Program Learning Objectives

- **Knowledge/Application:** Understand and apply the interdisciplinary, theoretical knowledge of the information sciences or security sciences
 - Define and explain the core concepts, principles, processes, and theories within the academic majors of IST and/or SRA
 - Apply the core concepts of the academic majors of IST and/or SRA to real-world problems
- **Problem-Solving:** Understand, apply and adapt various problem solving strategies, using appropriate technology and methods
 - Identify information problems and/or opportunities in terms of the human, informational and technology dimensions
 - Analyze issues surrounding the problem and/or opportunity in terms of the human, informational, and technology dimensions; and determine the requirements appropriate to understanding the situation
 - Design systems, architectures, processes, components, or programs to meet desired needs of the human context at varying levels of analysis (e.g., individual, group, organization, society, and/or world)
 - Deploy up-to-date and appropriate techniques, methodologies, and/or tools necessary for understanding opportunities and constraints and/or the optimal design, implementation and continuance of an information based solution
 - Evaluate the success of systems, architecture, processes, components, or programs intended to meet desired needs of the human context at varying levels of analysis (e.g., individual, group, organization, society, and/or world)
- **Communication (Individual and Team):** Communicate and work effectively (both individually and in teams) with a range of perspectives and audiences through a variety of media
 - Participate effectively on teams in order to accomplish a common goal
 - Communicate effectively with a range of audiences, formally or informally, through writing and the spoken word
 - Seek out, analyze, and incorporate diverse ideas and broader perspectives represented in the diversity of people
 - Make respectful and inclusive choices in interacting with customers, peers, supervisors, and/or subordinates with a diversity of identity characteristics (e.g., age, ancestry, color, disability or handicap, national origin, race, religious creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identify, or veteran status)
- **Professional Responsibilities:** Understand professional responsibilities in terms of the ethical, legal, security and social aspects of any given problem and its solution
- Demonstrate an understanding of the cognitive, social, legal, ethical, diversity, and security perspectives surrounding a given problem
- Assess the impact of information, computing and technology on individuals, groups, organizations, society, and the world for the purpose of making informed decisions from a sociological, governmental, legal, and/or security perspective
- **Lifelong Learning:** Commit to the continuous acquisition of relevant knowledge for professional development by self-teaching and/or on-going education and learning
 - Employ information-seeking strategies and self-directed learning in pursuit of current knowledge
 - Enroll in professional development and tutoring opportunities