

INFORMATION SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY, B.S. (CAPITAL)

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: Harrisburg

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.

Design and Development Option: Information Sciences and Technology, B.S. at Harrisburg Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
IST 110 ^{*#}	3 IST 210 ^{*#}	3
IST 140 ^{*#}	3 General Education Course	3
MATH 110 or 140 ^{††}	4 World Language Level 2	4
World Language level 1	4 ECON 102, 104, or 14 [†]	3
	ENGL 15, 15S, 30T, or ESL 15 [‡]	3
	14	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
IST 220 ^{*#}	3 IST 311 or HCDD 311 [*]	3
IST 230 [*]	3 STAT 200 ^{††}	4
IST 242 [*]	3 CAS 100A or 100S ^{†‡}	3
World Language level 3	4 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
	16	16

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
IST 261 or HCDD 361 [*]	3 IST 301 or ETI 301 [*]	3 IST 495 [*]	1
IST 331 or 331 [*]	3 IST 411 or HCDD 411 [*]	3	
Support of Option	3 Support of Option	3	
General Education Course	3 World Cultures Requirement	3	
General Education Course	3 ENGL 202C or 202D [‡]	3	
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5		
	16.5	15	1

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
IST 402 [*]	3 IST 440W [*]	3
IST 412 or HCDD 412 [*]	3 Support of Option (400-level) [*]	3
World Cultures Requirement	3 General Education Course	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
General Education Course	3 Elective	2
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5	
	16.5	14

Total Credits 125

* Course requires a grade of C or better for the major

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Course is an Entrance to Major requirement

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¹ IST 4XX: Select 3 credits from:

IST 402 - Emerging Issues and Technologies (3)

IST 441 - Information Retrieval and Organization (3)

IST 446 or HCDD 446 - An Introduction to Building Computer/Video Games (3)

IST 452 - Legal and Regulatory Environment of Privacy and Security (3)

IST 454 or CYBER 454 - Computer and Cyber Forensics (3)

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:

- 1 Credit of IST 495 - Internship is required
- 30 Credits of GA, GH, GHW, GN, GS to include 6 Integrative Studies credits
- 15 Credits of GQ and GWS require a grade of "C" or better

Program Notes:

- Please note: IST courses are only offered once per year.
- IST 495 Internship: (1) Supervised work experience where the student is employed in a position related to the student's major. An internship is typically completed the summer after the junior year, but it may be completed at any time during the student's academic career. Students are required to complete one internship but may complete three. A grade of C or better must be earned in this course. For more information, contact your academic adviser.
- Students must complete a 3-credit course in "United States Cultures (US)" and a 3-credit course in "International Cultures (IL)."
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Integration and Application Option: Information Sciences and Technology, B.S. at Harrisburg Campus

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General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
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Support of Option	3 IST 302 or ETI 302 [*]	3	
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5 Support of Option	3	
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Elective	3		
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Fourth Year

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IST 4XX - Emerging Issues & Technologies from College approved list [*]	3 IST 440W [*]	3
IST 420 or ETI 420 [*]	3 IST 421 or ETI 421 [*]	3
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