INFORMATION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, BS

Information science, on which the Information Science and Technology program is based, is the study of the organization, storage, retrieval, dissemination, and use of information. Information technology (IT) is the collection of tools that make it possible to access and use information. Some graduates will go directly into jobs in business and industry sectors that rely heavily on information as a raw material or as a product. Other graduates may go on to graduate study in library and information science, information management, computer science, or telecommunications.

Career Opportunities

The Bachelor of Science in Information Science and Technology will give students a head start on any number of careers in the information industry:

- Information Architect
- Business Information Coordinator
- Network Manager
- IT Consultant
- Web Designer
- Technology Trainer
- Multimedia Specialist
- Human-Computer Interface Designer
- Software/Systems Developer
- Technical Writer
- Database Developer
- Digital Library Specialist
- E-Commerce Web Administrator

BSIST Mission

The mission of the Bachelor of Science in Information Science and Technology (BSIST) program is to prepare students – equipped with technical, interpersonal, and ethical proficiencies – for careers in the information professions who will design, build, and support user-focused information technology solutions to meet a diverse set of needs.

BSIST Learning Outcomes

Graduates of the Bachelor of Science in Information Science and Technology (BSIST) program will have the ability to:

1. Analyze complex information and technology needs, and to apply principles of information science and other relevant disciplines to identify and implement solutions.
2. Design, implement, evaluate, and administer information systems to meet a given set of requirements – including user and organizational needs – in diverse environments.
3. Communicate effectively in a variety of professional contexts.
4. Function effectively as a member or leader of a team engaged in the design, implementation, and evaluation information technology solutions.
5. Recognize organizational and social responsibilities as information professionals and make informed judgments based on legal and ethical principles.

Requirements

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Related Area of Study

Each student will work with his/her advisor to select general electives, including related areas of study that are appropriate to his/her career goals and to complete the 120 total credit requirements for the BSIST degree. Because of its interdisciplinary and cross-functional nature, the BSIST program allows students to apply the study of the concepts and tools of information science, information architecture, and information technology to one or more related areas of study. The related area of study is a set of courses outside of the BSIST major, normally a minor or certificate in another field of study, typically including 18-22 credits. In some cases, students may choose to study two related areas as part of their BSIST program.

Related Areas of Study Selected List: Computer Science; Health Care Administration; Art & Design; General Business; Library & Information Science; Philosophy; Global Studies; Intelligent Systems; Communication; Digital Arts & Culture; Mass Communication & Journalism

With the help of their advisor, students create and customize their own related area of study. This may be credit-bearing courses that students will take to prepare for certification examinations such as Microsoft certifications, CISCO, etc., or a customized selection of courses chosen by students that will sharpen their skills in one or more selected areas of study.

Completing the Degree

The BSIST degree includes a total of 120 credits as follows:

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[Syllabi for all BSIST courses – both core and electives – should specify which of the learning outcomes will be achieved by the end of the course]

Approved by BSIST Curriculum Committee: March 2, 2018
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for acceptance are applied to in-state and out-of-state students. For
Students who meet the standard University admission requirements
Entrance Guidelines
degree is available fully online to serve students both on and off campus.
In addition to being available during standard class times, the BSIST
students returning to get a second degree.
as transfer students from another accredited college or university or as
several semesters as undeclared or other majors. Students may begin
apply. Students may begin the program as freshmen or after completing
Standard UWM admission policies for freshmen and transfer students
following:
The successful BSIST student will demonstrate understanding of the
IST Core Competencies
The successful BSIST student will demonstrate understanding of the following:
• theoretical nature of information science and information
technologies;
• organization and architecture of information based on understanding
of the context, the content, and the user needs;
• user-centered information system and service development;
• information storage and retrieval systems;
• management of information, including the processes to enable the
flow of information; and
• use of information and communication technology for managing and
organizing information and content.
Admission to the BSIST Program
Standard UWM admission policies for freshmen and transfer students
apply. Students may begin the program as freshmen or after completing
several semesters as undeclared or other majors. Students may begin
as transfer students from another accredited college or university or as
students returning to get a second degree.
In addition to being available during standard class times, the BSIST
degree is available fully online to serve students both on and off campus.
Entrance Guidelines
Students who meet the standard University admission requirements
are admissible to the School of Information Studies. The same criteria
for acceptance are applied to in-state and out-of-state students. For
undergraduate admission requirements, see the Admission (http://
catalog.uwm.edu/admission-costs/undergraduate-admission) section of
this catalog.
Advising
Students accepted by UWM who declare an interest in the IST program
will be assigned a SOIS advisor. Students are expected to work closely
with their IST advisor to tailor a program of electives to best suit their
interests and career goals. IST students may also wish to explore minors
or certificates in related areas such as computer science or technical
writing. For information on Academic Advising for IST majors, please
visit the SOIS Academic Advising (http://uwm.edu/informationstudies/
resources/advising) page.
Career Services
Whether you are a recent graduate just starting your career or an
alumni looking for a change, the School of Information Studies (SOIS)
is committed to supporting students and alumni throughout their
careers. Visit our career resources (http://uwm.edu/informationstudies/
resources/career) page for career related resources and join us
throughout the year for career workshops and networking opportunities.
Honors in the Major
Honors in the major are granted to students who earn a GPA of 3.500 or
above for courses in the major.
High Honors in the Major are granted to students who earn a GPA of
3.750 or above for courses in the major.
Honors in the School of Information Studies
Dean's Honor List
GPA of 3.750 or above, earned on a full-time student's GPA on 12 or more
graded credits in a given semester.
Honors Degree and Honors Degree with Thesis
Granted to graduating seniors who complete Honors College
requirements, as listed in the Honors College (http://catalog.uwm.edu/
opportunities-resources/honors-college) section of this site.
Commencement Honors
Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.500 or above, based on a minimum
of 40 graded UWM credits earned prior to the final semester, will receive
all-university commencement honors and be awarded the traditional
gold cord at the December or May Honors Convocation. In schools and
colleges in which fewer than 15% of the traditional students have a 3.500
GPA, all-university honors will be awarded to approximately the top 15%
of graduating students. A criterion GPA (not lower than 3.200) for this
15% will be calculated based on statistics from the previous comparable
semester. Please note that for honors calculation, the GPA is rounded and
is truncated at the third decimal (e.g., 3.499).
Final Honors
Earned on a minimum of 60 graded UWM credits: Cum Laude - 3.500 or
above; Magna Cum Laude - 3.650 or above; Summa Cum Laude - 3.800 or
above.