

INFORMATION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, MS

The Master of Science in Information Science and Technology (MSIST) is a professional graduate degree program for those who seek advanced training to meet the ever increasing need for information technology (IT) professionals. The degree will be composed of 36 credit hours and will supplement our Bachelor of Science in Information Science and Technology.

The MSIST degree will provide specific transcript designated Tracks to further enhance essential skills and knowledge in the following areas:

- **Data science:** Provides students with advanced knowledge and skills to manage data sets generated by applications.
- **Information security:** Focuses on techniques ensuring the security of all data captured, stored and analyzed through applications.

Admission Requirements

Application Deadlines

Application deadlines vary by program, please review the application deadline chart (<http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/program-deadlines/>) for specific programs. Other important dates and deadlines can be found by using the One Stop calendars (<https://uwm.edu/onestop/dates-and-deadlines/>).

Admission

An applicant must meet Graduate School requirements (<http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/admission/>) plus these departmental requirements to be considered for admission to the program:

- A resume.

Prerequisites

Preference will be given to those students who have a baccalaureate degree in information sciences, computer information systems, computer science, engineering, statistics, or a related field. Students with sufficient background gained through work experience or professional training in information technologies, such as networks, web services, and database development, will also be considered for admission to the program. Those who have neither of the aforementioned qualifications will be encouraged to take the following prerequisites, or their equivalents, before taking related courses:

Code	Title	Credits
INFOST 240	Web Design I	3
INFOST 410	Database Information Retrieval Systems	3
INFOST 440	Web Application Development	3

If taken, these courses must have been completed within the last five years with a grade of B or better (B- not acceptable).

Credits and Courses

The program requires 36 graduate-level credits, including 15 credits of required coursework, competency requirement and either 18 or 21 credits of elective credit depending on whether competency is demonstrated through coursework or examination.

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
INFOST 582	Introduction to Data Science	3
INFOST 583	Survey of Information Security	3
COMPST 701	Computing Fundamentals for IT Professionals	3
COMPST 703	Software Development Life Cycle	3
<i>Programming proficiency as demonstrated by one of the following with a "C" or better:</i>		0-3
INFOST 350	Introduction to Application Development	
BUSMGMT 744	R Programming for Business Analytics	
COMPST 702	Software Development in Python	
COMPST 750	Problem Solving with Object-Oriented Programming	
HCA 741	Essential Programming for Health Informatics	
Programming Competency Examination		
<i>Culminating Course</i>		3
INFOST 790	Project Design, Implementation, and Evaluation	
Electives		
18-21 credits from any INFOST or COMPST course offerings or from any of the Tracks listed below. Number of credits is dependent on whether programming competency is demonstrated through coursework or examination.		18-21
Total Credits		36
Electives		
Select 18 or 21 credits of elective credits depending on whether programming competency is demonstrated through coursework or examination. Electives can be used toward Tracks.		
Electives for the Information Security Track		
12 credits of coursework from any of the courses listed below.		
Code	Title	Credits
INFOST 465	Legal Aspects of Information Products and Services (G)	3
INFOST 547	User-Centered Interaction Design	3
INFOST 584	Survey of Web and Mobile Content Development	3
INFOST 660	Information Policy	3
INFOST 661	Information Ethics	3
INFOST 691	Special Topics in Information Science:	1-3
INFOST 695	Ethical Hacking I	3
INFOST 697	Cisco Routing & Switching I	3
INFOST 761	Information Privacy	3
INFOST 784	Information Security Management	3
INFOST 785	Database Management Systems for Information Professionals	3
INFOST 788	Information Systems: Analysis and Design	3
BUS ADM 743	Information Privacy, Security & Continuity	3
BUS ADM 817	Connected Systems for Business	3

COMPSCI 469	Introduction to Computer Security	3
COMPSCI 520	Computer Networks	3
COMPST 750	Problem Solving with Object-Oriented Programming	3
COMPST 751	Data Structures and Algorithms	3

Electives for the Data Science Track

12 credits of coursework from any of the courses listed below.

Code	Title	Credits
INFOST 465	Legal Aspects of Information Products and Services (G)	3
INFOST 660	Information Policy	3
INFOST 661	Information Ethics	3
INFOST 687	Data Analysis for Data Science	3
INFOST 691	Special Topics in Information Science:	1-3
INFOST 714	Metadata	3
INFOST 716	Thesaurus Construction	3
INFOST 719	Advanced Topics in Information Organization	3
INFOST 761	Information Privacy	3
INFOST 780	XML for Libraries	3
INFOST 783	Information Storage and Retrieval	3
INFOST 784	Information Security Management	3
INFOST 785	Database Management Systems for Information Professionals	3
INFOST 788	Information Systems: Analysis and Design	3
BUS ADM 713	Business Forecasting Methods	3
BUS ADM 741	Web Mining and Analytics	3
BUS ADM 744	Information Technology Strategy and Management	3
BUS ADM 746	Topics in Information Technology Management:	3
BUS ADM 749	Data and Information Management	3
BUS ADM 754	Statistical Analysis	3
BUS ADM 763	Marketing Analytics	3
BUS ADM 769	Database Marketing	3
BUS ADM 810	Development of Web-Based Solutions	3
BUS ADM 816	Business Intelligence Technologies & Solutions	3
BUS ADM 914	Advanced Multivariate Techniques in Management Research	3
BUSMGMT 709	Predictive Analytics for Managers	3
BUSMGMT 744	R Programming for Business Analytics	3
COMPSCI 423	Introduction to Natural Language Processing	3
COMPSCI 425	Introduction to Data Mining	3
COMPSCI 557	Introduction to Database Systems	3
COMPSCI 710	Artificial Intelligence	3
COMPSCI 744	Text Retrieval and Its Applications in Biomedicine	3
COMPST 702	Software Development in Python	3
COMPST 750	Problem Solving with Object-Oriented Programming	3

COMPST 751	Data Structures and Algorithms	3
COMPST 790	Advanced Topics in Computer Studies:	3-9
ELECENG 711	Introduction to Machine Learning	3
ELECENG 890	Special Topics:	3
GEOG 726	Geographic Information Science	4
HCA 741	Essential Programming for Health Informatics	3
HCA/COMPSCI 744	Text Retrieval and Its Applications in Biomedicine	3
HCA 760	Biomedical and Healthcare Terminology and Ontology	3

Electives for the Generalist Track

Code	Title	Credits
Any Graduate level INFOST or COMPST course.		1-3
Any course from the Track listed above.		1-3
ART 302	Art and Design Workshop:	3
ART 412	Advanced Digital Studio	3
ART 423	Experimental Typography	3
ART 496	Sequence and Structure	3
ART 524	Professional Practice in Design:	3-6
ART 929	Advanced Research-Design & Digital Media	1-4
ARCH 583	Emerging Digital Technology:	3
ARCH 782	Visualization 1	3
BUS ADM 748	Managing Information Technology Projects	3
COMPSCI 459	Fundamentals of Computer Graphics	3
COMPSCI 481	Server-side Internet Programming	3
COMPSCI 482	Rich Internet Applications	3
COMPSCI 522	Computer Game Design	3
COMPSCI 713	Computer Vision	3
COMPSCI 718	Advanced Computer Graphics: Modeling and Animation	3
COMPSCI 737	Software Project Management	3
COMPSCI 743	Intelligent User Interfaces	3
COMPSCI 747	Principles & Practices of User Interface Design	3
GEOG 704	Remote Sensing: Environmental and Land Use Analysis	4
GEOG 705	Cartography	4
GEOG 726	Geographic Information Science	4
GEOG 804	Advanced Remote Sensing	3

Additional Requirements

Time Limit

All degree requirements must be completed within seven years from the date of initial enrollment in the Master's program.