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Campus Locations

The College of Computing and Digital Media (CDM) offers courses at our Loop and Lincoln Park Campuses as well as at convenient suburban locations.

LINCOLN PARK CAMPUS
2320 North Kenmore Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60614

LOOP CAMPUS
243 South Wabash
Chicago, Illinois 60604
312-362-8381
(full program of course offerings)

NAPERVILLE CAMPUS
150 West Warrenville Road
Naperville, Illinois 60566
(selected course offerings)

OHARE CAMPUS
3166 River Road
Des Plaines, Illinois 60018
(selected course offerings)

ROLLING MEADOWS CAMPUS
2550 West Golf Road
Meadows Corporate Center, East Tower
Rolling Meadows, Illinois 60
(selected course offerings)

Students may take courses at any of the locations. Currently all students must complete at least part of their degree program at the Loop Campus. However, as the University continues to expand the number and variety of courses at the suburban campuses, most students will be able to take increasing advantage of these locations.
College of Computing and Digital Media (CDM)

About the College

The College of Computing and Digital Media offers graduate level, professional education in these areas: applied technology, artificial intelligence, business information technology, collaborative technologies, computer science, computer graphics and motion technology, computer vision, data analysis, database, data communications, data warehousing, digital cinema, distributed systems, e-commerce technology, game development, human-computer interaction, information systems, management information systems, networking, project management, software engineering, systems foundation, systems development, telecommunication systems, and visual computing. Students choose from a broad collection of courses to develop, in depth, the research habits and practical skills needed for research and professional practice. The College's programs are designed to provide its graduates with the technical competence and the flexibility necessary to respond to both present and future opportunities in the computing and digital media professions.

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Admission, Readmission and Transfer Credit

Applications to the College of Computing and Digital Media must be submitted using DePaul University's Online Application Center at https://wa.is.depaul.edu/AdmissionApp/login.aspx.

Applications require a $25 non-refundable application fee. Official transcripts and optional supplemental materials should be sent to CDM Admission Office
243 S. Wabash Ave.
Chicago, IL 60604

Master's Degree Admission Requirements
Official transcripts indicating a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution. All disciplines are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Minimum B- cumulative or major
GPA (2.5 on a 4.0 scale) required. Optional supplemental information which may be submitted to strengthen an application include a resume, industry certifications, or letters of recommendation.

CDM evaluates master's degree applications on a rolling basis. If your last degree was earned:

- In the USA --- apply no later than 2-3 weeks before the quarter begins
- Outside the USA, but you live in the USA --- apply 1-2 months before quarter begins
- Outside the USA, and you live abroad --- apply 3-4 months before quarter begins

**Doctoral Degree Admission Requirements**

Official transcripts indicating a bachelor's degree and master's degree earned in Computer Science or a related field. Required documents needed: written statement describing accomplishments, goals, and research interest, official GRE score report, and three letters of recommendation.

Application deadlines for PhD applicants are:

- January 15 for autumn quarter
- October 1 for winter or spring quarter

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSION**

The admission requirements stated above also apply to international students. Applicants educated outside of the United States must meet academic requirements and demonstrate English proficiency with a TOEFL or IELTS score of 550 or greater on the paper version (580 or greater for Ph.D. applicants). A score of 80 on the iBT (with section score equal to 17 or above); 213 on the computer based test; or 6.5 on the IELTS are also acceptable. Scores over two years old will not be accepted. Those requesting student visas (I-20) must demonstrate adequate financial support. The letter of admission and the I-20 form are issued only after admission. Please visit our website at http://www.cdm.depaul.edu for further details about I-20s.

International applicants are strongly urged to apply as early as possible. There are usually long delays in the forwarding of all supporting credentials. To speed up the admission process, we recommend you use Educational Perspectives or Education Credential Evaluators (ECE) for this purpose.

**READMISSION PROCEDURES**

Applicants who have been admitted to the College but do not enroll in the University within one year of the date on their letter of admission must complete an application for readmission. There is a $5.00 service fee for processing a readmission.

Former CDM students must also apply for readmission if they were previously enrolled in a graduate program in the College of CDM, but have not been in attendance for a period of one calendar year. If more than four calendar years have elapsed since the student has been in attendance, the student must submit a new application for admission, including the $25.00 application fee. An official copy of transcripts recording scholastic work completed since the last enrollment at DePaul University must be submitted. Students are held to the degree requirements that are in effect at the time of readmission.

**DEPAUL SENIORS**

Seniors in any of the undergraduate colleges or schools of DePaul University are eligible to apply for admission to the College of CDM while completing their undergraduate program.

**ADMISSION CLASSIFICATIONS**

Applicants are admitted to the College of CDM on the basis of their ability to complete programs of study and research prescribed for the masters and doctoral degrees. Specifically, admission qualifications are measured by academic criteria. In accord with these criteria, applicants are admitted in one of three major categories: degree-seeking, non-degree-seeking, and student-at-large.

**Degree-Seeking Students**

Applicants are classified as degree-seeking students in either of two ways: conditional or full. A conditionally admitted applicant is eligible for recategorization to full degree-seeking status when the Prerequisite Phase is satisfied by coursework or waiver.

**Non-Degree Seeking Students**

Applicants who do not wish to pursue an advanced degree may be admitted to the College of CDM as non-degree-seeking students. These students may, at some future date, apply for
reclassification to degree-seeking status. When students with non-degree seeking status file for reclassification to degree-seeking status, a maximum of three courses (12 quarter hours) that were completed by the student under the non-degree-seeking status may be counted toward fulfillment of the advanced degree requirements. In addition, non-degree seeking students will not have access to enroll in courses numbered 420 and higher on their own. They must seek approval from the instructors of the courses in which they wish to enroll. The enrollment transaction will be processed by the advising office at the request of the instructor.

Student-at-Large
The College of CDM may admit as a student-at-large a graduate student currently enrolled in a graduate program in another accredited institution upon the recommendation, in writing, of the student’s own graduate school Dean. A student-at-large must submit an application for admission to the College office (including the $25.00 application fee). Under no circumstances does this classification constitute admission to a degree program at DePaul University.

Graduate Credit Transfer
Credit transfer in degree programs leading to the masters or doctoral degree is ordinarily not allowed. However, the Dean may authorize an exception to this policy when, in the judgment of the Dean and the program director, the circumstances justify the exception. Should an approval be granted, students are allowed to transfer a maximum of two graduate level courses. Additionally, these courses cannot have been used in the attainment of a previous degree.

Graduate Assistantships
Announcement of Graduate Assistantships is generally made by June 1. Assistantships must be accepted or declined, in writing, by July 1. Recipients will be assigned by their program directors or departments to activities appropriate for a teaching, research or administrative assistant.

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Facilities

DePaul University maintains an extensive technological infrastructure which is available for students, faculty and staff. In addition, many schools and departments maintain their own resources dedicated for use by their own constituents.

The College of CDM itself operates specialized laboratories in the following:

- Requirements Engineering Lab
- Mobile Commerce Lab
- Solid Objects and Graphics Lab
- Animation Lab
- Network Security Lab
- Game Development Lab
- Console Gaming Lab
- Digital Cinema Advanced Editing Lab
- High Definition Editing Suite
- Medical Informatics Lab
- Digital Cinema Studio
- Usability Testing Lab
- Intelligent Multimedia Processing Lab
- Supercomputing Cluster Lab
- Software Research Lab
- Multimedia Networking Lab
- Center for Web Intelligence
- E-Commerce Technology Lab

Professional Development

The College of Computing and Digital Media established the Institute for Professional Development in 1985 to offer certificate programs designed to meet the needs of both individuals and businesses in the Chicagoland area. These non-degree offerings provide intensive training in a wide variety of areas, with each standalone certificate program addressing a different set of theoretical concepts and practical skills. Emphasis is placed on gaining practical experience through a combination of lectures and demonstrations complemented by laboratory exercises and homework assignments. Certificate programs
are typically taught by a team of instructors, that includes both full-time faculty and part-
time instructors from industry. The programs require a substantial commitment of time, as
most meet two nights per week and in the morning on approximately half of the Saturdays
during the program.

For application and registration information pertaining to the certificate programs offered by
the Institute for Professional Development, please call the Institute office at (312) 362-6282.

Current certificate program offerings include:

**IPD 359 Open-Source Web Development Program**
A 5-week program addressing rapid and efficient development of business-critical Web
applications using Linux, Apache, PostgreSQL and Python

**IPD 360/460 SQL Server Business Intelligence Program**
An 11-week in-depth program covering SQL Server 2005 analysis services, integration
services, and reporting services

**IPD 361/461 SQL Server Database High Availability Program**
An 11-week comprehensive overview of the various high availability solutions available with
the latest edition of Microsoft's SQL Server

**IPD 363 SQL Server Database Administration Program**
An 11-week in-depth program covering database administration using SQL Server

**IPD 364 Lightweight Java Web Development Program**
A 8-week comprehensive program covering open-source, lightweight Java enterprise Web
development using POJOs (Plain Old Java Objects)

**IPD 365 Ruby on Rails Program**
A 7-week in-depth program covering Web development using Ruby on Rails

**IPD 366 Java Web Services Program**
A 7-week concentrated program covering service-oriented architecture and the development
of Web services using Java

**IPD 368/468 .NET Mobile Applications Development Program**
A 10-week focused program covering the basic skills and techniques for successfully building
mobile applications using the .NET platform

**IPD 370 Advanced SQL Program**
A 2-week program covering advanced SQL features

**IPD 380 IT Project Management Program**
A 10-week comprehensive program covering best practices in IT project management

**IPD 382 Java Developer Program**
A 10-week comprehensive program covering object-oriented applications development using
Java

**IPD 389 .NET Developer Program**
A 10-week comprehensive program covering .NET technologies

**IPD 390 Information Systems Security Management Program**
A 10-week comprehensive program covering best practices in designing, implementing and
maintaining an organizational information security plan

**IPD 392 Telecommunications Program**
An 11-week intensive program focusing on the configuration, implementation and ongoing
support of telecommunications systems and networks

**IPD 394 Java EE Developer Program**
A 10-week in-depth program covering enterprise-wide applications development using Java
EE

**IPD 395 Database Technologies Program**
A 12-week comprehensive program covering database applications development and administration using Oracle

**IPD 398 .NET Web Services Program**
An 8-week concentrated program covering service-oriented architecture and the development of Web services using the .NET platform
Programs in CDM

Current Degree Descriptions

PhD and MFA Programs
Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science
Master of Fine Arts in Digital Cinema

Master of Science Degree Programs

School of Computing
Applied Technology (joint with SNL)
Business Information Technology (joint with KGSB)
Computer Game Development (joint with CIM)
Computer Graphics and Motion Technology (joint with CIM)
Computational Finance (joint with KGSB)^**
Computer Science *
Computer, Information and Network Security *
E-Commerce Technology
Human-Computer Interaction (joint with CIM) *
Information Systems *
Instructional Technology Systems *
IT Project Management
Software Engineering *
Telecommunications Systems *
Juris Doctorate and Master of Scient (joint with LAW)

School of Cinema and Interactive Media
Computer Game Development (joint with SoC)
Computer Graphics and Motion Technology (joint with SoC)
Digital Cinema
Human-Computer Interaction (joint with SoC) *

Master of Arts Degree Programs

School of Cinema and Interactive Media
Master of Fine Arts in Digital Media

School of Computing
Information Technology *
Juris Doctorate and Master of Arts (joint with LAW)

* Online Option Available | ** GRE or GMAT score required for admission

Special Programs
Advanced Software Development Professional
Professional Development Programs
Welcome to CDM Online Learning

DePaul CDM Online Learning programs are specifically designed to compliment the busy lifestyle of working professionals. Our Course OnLine (COL) lecture playback system brings the unique experience of an on-campus DePaul CDM education to off-campus students, and gives them flexibility in how, when, and where they learn.

Course OnLine allows DePaul CDM to offer nearly over 80 individual courses online each quarter. We offer 9 master's degree programs that can be completed entirely online, including:

- Computer Science
- Computer, Information and Network Security
- E-Commerce Technology
- Information Systems
- Information Technology
- Instructional Technology Systems
- Software Engineering
- Telecommunication Systems

Graduate students who wish to complete their degree through online learning do not register for a special online degree. Rather, they apply for one of our regular degree programs and then sign up for distance learning courses. The degree earned by an online learning student is identical to the degree earned by an on-campus student.
About

The Ph.D. program in Computer Science offers an opportunity for exceptional students to pursue substantial research in the computer sciences and related areas. The program is highly selective and is purposefully kept small so that each Ph.D. student can receive substantial advising and mentoring from CDM faculty. To earn a Ph.D. degree, a student must demonstrate breadth of knowledge in at least three research areas and significant depth in a chosen dissertation area. In addition, the student must conceive, write and defend a Ph.D. dissertation representing a significant and original contribution to current academic research as demonstrated by a public dissertation defense and publication in established peer-reviewed academic conferences and/or journals.

In keeping with the CDM philosophy of blending academic and professional pursuits, full-time employed students will be considered for admission as part-time doctoral students. However, these applicants must have sufficiently flexible work schedules to allow them to attend required meetings and academic seminars that occur during daytime working hours throughout their degree program. In addition, many working students will find that they must take a leave of absence or cut back to part-time employment for some time period during the research and candidacy phases of the degree program.

The deadlines to apply and submit all the required support documents are:

- **For Winter**: October 1
- **For Autumn**: January 15

Admission Requirements

In order to be considered for admission to the doctoral program, students must:

- Hold a masters degree in Computer Science or an allied field.
- Submit three letters of recommendation.
- Show definite promise for completing the program.
- Submit a written statement describing their accomplishments, goals and interests.
- Submit a completed application form.
- Submit an official score report of the Graduate Record

Examination (GRE) general examination. Applicants educated outside of the United States must demonstrate English proficiency with a TOEFL score of 580 or greater.

Guide to Applying for the PhD Program
Students without a master's degree in computer science or an allied field may be considered for conditional admission to the doctoral program. These students must have an exceptional undergraduate record. A conditionally admitted student will be required to complete a doctoral prerequisite phase consisting of a set of courses determined to be appropriate for the student by the Ph.D. committee.

These courses will include the core courses from the Masters of Science in Computer Science program. Upon completion of the prerequisite phase, the Ph.D. committee will conduct an evaluation of the student's progress. Assuming such progress is satisfactory, the student will then be formally admitted into the doctoral program. Note: It is not the policy of the College to award a masters degree to a student enrolled in the Ph.D. program.

The Ph.D. Admissions Committee determines which applicants will be admitted to the program. Because the College admits only a limited number of students to the Ph.D. program, meeting the admission standards does not guarantee acceptance.

Students employed outside of the University can be admitted as part-time doctoral students. Students who can devote themselves full time to their doctoral studies can be admitted as full-time doctoral students.

The College has a limited number of scholarships available to fund full-time PhD students. Only full-time students will be considered for substantial financial aid stipends. Students who want to apply for PhD stipend must submit a financial aid request form.

Completeness of Credentials

When important pieces of information such as transcripts are lacking, the College is compelled by University regulations to withdraw the application.

Overview of the Degree

The Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science degree follows three phases, which may overlap in time:

**Inquiry Phase:** Coursework, initial research projects and successful completion of three Breadth Examinations.

**Research Phase:** Focused research leading to successful completion of a Dissertation Proposal. Upon completion of all requirements, the student is admitted to Candidacy.

**Candidacy Phase:** Further research, writing and defense of the Ph.D. dissertation.

**The Inquiry Phase**
During the Inquiry Phase a student will complete coursework in various areas of Computer Science to gain breadth and to discover the area in which dissertation research is to be done. Since considerable thought should be given to choosing the area in which the student wishes to do research in the future, the student may wish to do small research projects during this time period to explore where their research interests lie.
Three Breadth Examinations must be successfully completed. At least one of the 3 breadth exams must be in one of the core areas of computer science, namely, Artificial Intelligence, Database Systems, Operating Systems, Programming Languages, and Theoretical Computer Science. Furthermore, at least one breadth exam must be in the student's primary area of dissertation research. The choice of breadth exams must be approved by the student's PhD advisor. These examinations can be taken either during the Inquiry Phase or during the Research Phase. Each Breadth Examination will verify that the student has knowledge sufficient to teach an introductory graduate course in that area. A student must pass all three breadth exams. Students who fail a Breadth Exam must re-take and pass the exam from the same breadth area in order to satisfy the breadth requirement. The Breadth Exam from each area can be re-taken at most once. Re-takes of breadth exams, or deviations from this policy due to special circumstances must be approved by the PhD committee.

A Ph.D. student enters the Research Phase when he or she has chosen an area in which to do dissertation research and has found a faculty member willing to act as his or her Dissertation Advisor. The amount of time spent in the Inquiry Phase will vary from student to student, but will typically be several years. The research phase may overlap with the inquiry phase, in fact, students are strongly encouraged to begin their research, under the supervision of a faculty PhD advisor, as early as possible upon entering the program.

The Research Phase
In this phase the doctoral student, in conjunction with his or her Dissertation Advisor, will conduct extensive readings in academic texts, journals and conference proceedings to become an expert in the chosen research area.

The student is responsible for approaching a faculty member to act as their Dissertation Advisor. The faculty member may request that the student perform additional projects or research before agreeing to be the Dissertation Advisor. The student and Dissertation Advisor then work together to choose three additional faculty which, together with the Dissertation Advisor, form the Dissertation Committee. Three of the members must be full-time faculty members in the College of Computing and Digital Media. The fourth committee member must be a faculty member from outside the division of the research, or a scholar from outside the College of CDM whose expertise is pertinent to the topic of the dissertation. The members of this committee must be approved by the Colleges Ph.D. Committee.

Once the student has enough preliminary results that the student and advisor are confident that the work should result in publishable results, the student will write an extensive review of previous work in the area and a research proposal for the dissertation research. The Dissertation Committee members will then choose a date for a public defense of the dissertation proposal. The student will provide an oral presentation of current results and future research goals at this defense. The proposal will be approved only if the Dissertation Committee agrees that the work that is planned will constitute an acceptable Ph.D. dissertation. The committee may recommend that the student repeat the proposal at a later date. The dissertation committee may require additional components in conjunction with proposal defense to test the student's depth of knowledge in the specific area of dissertation research.

A student generally enters the Candidacy Phase (and is considered a Candidate) after a successful defense of the Dissertation Proposal (see the full requirements for Candidacy below).

The Candidacy Phase
In the Candidacy Phase the student performs the research promised in the dissertation proposal and writes the dissertation. Ph.D. dissertations in Computer Science are typically 100 to 300 pages in length and must represent a significant and original body of work.

Except in very unusual situations, the student will be required to publish some portion of the dissertation as an academic paper in a refereed journal or conference before completing the degree. This will demonstrate that the significance of this work is recognized in academic communities outside DePaul University.

After the dissertation has been written, the student will provide a copy to all members of the Dissertation Committee. After reading the dissertation, the Dissertation Committee must
recommend whether or not a public dissertation defense should proceed. In particular, the members of the Dissertation Committee will determine whether the completed dissertation embodies the work that was promised in the dissertation proposal. The committee may recommend modifications or additional research to be completed before the defense can take place. Once the Dissertation Committee agrees that the defense should take place, a date will be scheduled for the dissertation defense. After the defense, the Dissertation Committee will determine whether all work has been satisfactorily completed or additional work or modifications must be made.

A bound copy of the dissertation and the abstract must be presented to the DePaul Library where it will be permanently available to current and future DePaul students. Consult the Handbook for Graduate Studies at the back of this bulletin for information on submitting the dissertation and abstract to the College. Contact the Student Services office for additional information regarding procedures to follow for binding the dissertation.

**Detailed Degree Requirements**

**Course Requirements**
Ph.D. students with a master's degree are required to complete a minimum of 60 credits (typically 15 courses) of graduate classes. These credits must include at least 48 credits of courses in the 420-599 range, including CSC 426 Values and Computer Technology, and 12 credits of CSC 699 Research. Students may enroll in CSC 699 only after completion of the Breadth Examinations. Conditionally admitted students must complete an additional 52 credits (typically 13 courses) of graduate classes, including at least 36 credits of courses in the 420-599 range. The written approval of the Ph.D. Committee is required, before registering, to apply courses taught outside the College towards the doctoral program course requirements.

Student progress will be evaluated annually. Students must maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or better to remain in good standing in the program. Any course grade below B- is unsatisfactory and will not be counted toward degree requirements. The Ph.D. Committee will ask a student to withdraw from the doctoral program if the members judge that that student is not progressing satisfactorily toward the degree.

**Continuous Enrollment**
Prior to candidacy, a student must continuously enroll for at least one academic credit per quarter during every Autumn, Winter and Spring quarter. A student may apply to the Ph.D. committee for a leave of absence from this continuous enrollment requirement if exceptional circumstances arise.

After admission to candidacy, a student must continuously enroll for at least one course per quarter during every Autumn, Winter and Spring quarter, but may enroll for CSC 701 Candidacy Continuation (0 academic credits) with advisors approval.

**Admission to Candidacy**
To be admitted to candidacy, doctoral students must complete the following:

- **Residency**: Three quarters of full-time study must be completed at DePaul University beyond the masters level. Full-time study is defined as registration for a minimum of eight credit hours (typically two courses) per quarter. With prior approval of the Ph.D. Committee, students may satisfy residency requirements by coursework, participation in seminars, or research performed off campus.
- **Allied Course**: Complete CSC 426 Values and Computer Technology.
- **Doctoral Examinations**: Pass three Breadth Examinations.
- **Defense of Proposal**: Successfully defend a Dissertation Proposal.
**Doctoral Examinations**

Breadth examinations are typically offered twice each year. Applications to take these exams must be completed three months prior to the exam date. At least one of the 3 breadth exams must be in one of the core areas of computer science, namely, Artificial Intelligence, Database Systems, Operating Systems, Programming Languages, and Theoretical Computer Science. Furthermore, at least one breadth exam must be in the student's primary area of dissertation research. The choice of breadth exams must be approved by the student's PhD advisor. Must pass all three breadth exams with at most one re-take opportunity per exam. Requests to re-take one or more breadth exams must be approved by the PhD Committee. Any student who fails to satisfy the breadth exam requirements will be asked to leave the program.

Reading lists and copies of previous Breadth examinations are available. The reading list for each examination defines the specific subject areas covered by that examination. Examinations are offered in each of the following areas:

- Artificial Intelligence
- Communications Networks
- Computer Graphics
- E-commerce Technology
- Theoretical Computer Science
- Information Systems
- Data Analysis
- Database Systems
- Human Computer Interaction
- Operating Systems
- Visual Computing
- Programming Languages
- Software Engineering
- Software Management *

*The Software Management exam will be discontinued for students entering the program in 2007 or later. It will continue to be offered to anyone who entered the program prior to 2007.

Please send an email to CDM Advising (advising@cdm.depaul.edu) to request copies of past doctoral examinations. Be sure to specify the exam area for which you would like copies.

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**Program Time Limitations**

For part-time doctoral students, time limits are as follows:

- No more than four years between admission to the doctoral program and completion of Breadth Examinations.
- No more than two years between completion of Breadth Examinations and admission to Candidacy.
- No less than eight months and no more than five years between admission to Candidacy and the dissertation defense.

For full-time doctoral students, time limits are as follows:

- No more than three years between admission to the doctoral program and completion of Breadth Examinations.
- No more than two years between completion of Breadth Examinations and admission to Candidacy.
- No less than eight months and no more than five years between admission to Candidacy and the dissertation defense.
Consult the Handbook for Graduate Studies at the back of this bulletin for graduation application deadlines and the deadline for submitting completed dissertations.
About the School of Computing

The School of Computing (SoC) houses CDM's technical degrees. With an emphasis on the theoretical as well as practical, students can earn degrees that prepare them for work in computing, programming, data storage, information processing, network security, software development, and computer graphics and motion technology.

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Master of Science in Applied Technology

College of Computing and Digital Media - Graduate Studies ◈ School of Computing (SoC) ◈ Master of Science in Applied Technology

About

The Master of Science in Applied Technology (MSAT) is designed for experienced non-IT managers who wish to acquire advanced technical skills in a highly focused area, in combination with enhanced understanding of the larger organizational, economic, and social contexts within which these technical skills are practiced.

The MSAT offers Areas of Specialization in either Applied Information Systems (AIS) or Applied Telecommunications Systems (ATS). This new degree program is being offered jointly by CDM and the School for New Learning (SNL), DePaul's nationally recognized college for adult learners; and students work with advisors from both colleges throughout their program.

Students entering the MAAT must have an undergraduate degree with an appropriate GPA, although it need not have been in a technology-related field. They must also have had experience in the workplace sufficient to define the technological requirements of an organization as well as to understand the organizational system itself (generally, at least three years), and must have access to a worksite "laboratory" within which the application of learning can take place.

Prospective students can find more information on this degree at the SNL website: http://snl.depaul.edu/prospective/maat_index.asp

The curriculum consists of three primary components:

- An individualized Area of Specialization in either Applied Information Systems or Applied Telecommunications Systems offered through the CDM Area of Specialization combines CDM coursework with on-the-job application of this coursework.
- A series of Liberal Learning Seminars offered through SNL which are designed to develop the skills of communication, interpersonal facility, problem-solving, analytical and systems thinking, ethical decision-making, and self-managed learning.
- A Culminating Project which is designed to integrate the technical and liberal learning components of the program through the design and/or implementation of a major professional project in the workplace.
Master of Science in Business Information Technology

About

The Master of Science in Business Information Technology is a joint degree between College of Computing and Digital Media (CDM) and the Kellstadt Graduate School of Business (KGSB).

The Master of Science in Business Information Technology program addresses today's need for individuals who understand the core principles of both business and technology in corporations, healthcare institutions, and government agencies. Many of these people work as liaisons between the Information Technology department and a functional business unit. Others work within departments that are information dependent and rely heavily on information technology.

The M.S. in Business Information Technology also provides a solid base for those interested in moving their career forward through project management or information technology management positions.

Admissions

Your Application: Accepted throughout the Year.

Students are admitted to the MS in Business Information Technology throughout the year. Applicants must chose to apply through only one of the two schools. Students applying through the College of CDM must possess a bachelors degree from a regionally accredited institution (or be in the final stages of completing the undergraduate degree). The primary criterion in determining eligibility for admission is previous academic achievement. Other factors, such as work experience and career progression, are also important and will be considered for admission. Thus, although not required, applicants may wish to include letters of recommendation, a resume and other supporting material which they feel may give an Admissions officer a broader view of their achievements. International students are required to submit a recent (no more than two years old) TOEFL score.

To review application requirements, please go to: http://www.cdm.depaul.edu/admission/Pages/GraduateAdmissions.aspx

Or to apply online: https://wa.is.depaul.edu/AdmissionApp/login.aspx

This masters program does not require an admissions test. Please note that if you choose to apply through the Kellstadt School of Business, you will be required to submit a GMAT score.
Degree Program and Required Courses

Degree Program Courses

There is a single prerequisite course, GSB 420 Applied Quantitative Analysis, which can be waived based on discussion with a CDM or KGSB advisor.

Required Courses (10)

Courses (5) from the Kellstadt Graduate School of Business

ACC 500  Financial Accounting  
MGT 502  Managing Operations for Competitive Advantage  
MIS 555  Management of Information Technology  
MIS 674  Systems Analysis and Design  
MKT 555  Decisions in Marketing Management

Courses (5) from the School of CDM

CSC 451 Database Design  
IS 433  Information Security Management  
IS 440 Collaborative Technologies for Leading Projects  
or PM 440 Collaborative Technology for Leading Projects  
SE 477  Software and Systems Project Management  
TDC 425 Voice/Data Network Fundamentals

Electives (3)

Three electives, with one chosen from the business school, one chosen from the College of CDM, and one chosen from either the business school or from CDM:

Business school courses available for use as electives: (choose 1)

ACC535 Accounting Systems  
ACC555 Management Accounting for Decision Making  
MGT501 Strategic Supply Chain Management  
MGT506 Decision Making for Managers  
MGT570 Entrepreneurship and New Venture Management  
MIS 680 Electronic Business  
MIS 681 E-Business Strategies  
MIS 683 Information Technology Strategy and Architecture  
MIS 689 Knowledge Management  
MIS 798 Special Topics  
MIS 799 Independent Study  
MKT595 Internet Marketing

CDM courses available for use as electives: (choose 1)

CSC 599  Topics in Computer Science  
ECT 596  Topics in E-Commerce Technology  
HCI 422  Multimedia  
HCI 440  Usability Engineering  
HCI 454  Interaction Design  
IPD 499  Topics in Global Information Technology  
IS 570  Enterprise System Implementation  
IS 482  Legal Aspects of Information Technology  
IS 505  Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery  
IS 511  Social Issues of Computing
Grade and GPA requirements

Grades: Students must receive a grade of B- or better in each prerequisite course and a C- or better in all other courses.

GPA: Students must maintain a graduate level GPA of 2.50 or higher while pursuing their degree. Students will not be approved for graduation with less than a 2.50 GPA. Students with a GPA of 3.75 or higher and a designation of distinction on at least two core examinations and no failed core examination will graduate with distinction.

Master of Science in Computer Game Development

About

The MS in Computer Game Development is designed for those interested in game development programming at the highest level, including computer science and computer graphics professionals retooling for the game industry.

This degree program consists of:

- Prerequisite Phase
- Core Knowledge Phase
- Advanced Phase
- Project Phase
- Open Electives

Grade and GPA Requirements

Prerequisite Phase

Core Knowledge Phase

Advanced Phase

Project Phase

Open Electives
Grade and GPA Requirements

A grade point average of at least 3.0 (A=4.0) must be maintained in all course work toward the master's degree. Courses in which a grade of C- (1.7) or lower is earned will not apply toward a graduate degree.

Prerequisite Phase

Students must demonstrate prerequisite competencies by transcript or by successful completion of the following courses:

- CSC 261 Programming Languages I: C/C++
- CSC 262 Programming Languages II: C/C++
- CSC 373 Computer Systems I
- CSC 374 Computer Systems II
- CSC 383 Data Structures and Algorithms in Java
- or CSC 393 Data Structures in C++
- GPH 321 Computer Graphics Development
- or linear algebra equivalent
- MAT 150 Calculus I

Evaluation of prerequisite competencies will follow standard CDM practice: By taking these courses and receiving a grade of B- or better in each, the student will have completed the requirements of the Prerequisite Phase. All or part of the Prerequisite Phase may be waived if a student has the equivalent academic background. Alternatively, students with practical experience may complete a Graduate Assessment Examination (GAE) to show competency in a prerequisite. The student must submit an online Change of Status request when the Prerequisite Phase is completed to inform the Student Services offices that the block can be removed. The online request must be submitted two weeks before the student intends to register for graduate level classes. The student will then be considered a fully admitted student, and may pass to the Graduate Phase of the program. Students may submit the Change of Status by logging in to MyCDM.

Core Knowledge Phase

The core knowledge phase provides a common foundation in computer game development. Students are required to complete these courses before moving to the advance phase.

- GAM 424 Game Design Workshop
- GAM 474 Action Games Programming
- GAM 475 Game Engine Programming I
Advanced Phase

The advanced phase provides specialized knowledge in computer game development topics, as well as allowing students to choose a particular emphasis for their studies.

- GAM 450 Physics for Game Developers
- GAM 476 Artificial Intelligence for Computer Games
- CSC 421 Applied Algorithms and Structures
- GPH 469 Computer Graphics Development
- GAM 575 Game Engine Programming II

plus 2 Graduate Game Development Electives from the following list:

- CSC 443 Introduction to Operating Systems
- CSC 447 Concepts of Programming Languages
- CSC 448 Compiler Design
- CSC 451 Database Design
- CSC 480 Foundations of Artificial Intelligence
- CSC 578 Neural Networks and Machine Learning
- GAM 490 Multiplayer Game Development
- GAM 599 Topics in Computer Game Design and Development
- GPH 438 Computer Animation Survey
- GPH 448 Computer Graphics Scripting
- GPH 539 Advanced Rendering Techniques
- GPH 540 Procedural Shading
- GPH 541 Advanced Lighting Techniques
- GPH 570 Visualization
- GPH 572 Principles of Computer Animation
- GPH 575 Advanced Graphics Development
- SE 430 Object Oriented Modeling
- SE 433 Software Testing
- SE 435 Distributed Systems I
- SE 450 Object-Oriented Software Development
- SE 477 Software and Systems Project Management
- SE 536 Distributed Systems II
- SE 542 Software Development for Limited and Embedded Devices
- SE 552 Concurrent Software Development
- SE 558 Architecture and Design for Multiplayer Games

or any graduate GAM course

Project Phase

Students must register for GAM 690 and GAM 691 in consecutive quarters. A grade will not be assigned for GAM 690 until GAM 691 has been completed.

- GAM 690 Game Development Studio I
- GAM 691 Game Development Studio II
Open Electives

One elective course in the range of 420-699, from an CDM program. Credit for courses taken outside of the college will only be given if approved by a faculty advisor. Courses suggested for any Prerequisite Phase in any concentration do not count for elective credit. Any course required for the student's concentration but taken as part of the requirements of another degree earned by the student may be waived, but not cannot be used for elective credit.

Master of Science in Computer Graphics and Motion Technology

About

The **MS in Computer Graphics and Motion Technology** is a study of the technical and aesthetic foundations, design and development of Computer Graphics. This program prepares students for technical careers in the graphics industry.

What Students Will Learn From The Program

- Develop a sensitivity to human perception, including a comprehension of fundamental design concepts, color theory, and the interaction of light with surfaces
- Build a deep understanding of such technical concepts as interaction design, modeling objects, controlling cameras, rigging characters for animation and using particle and surface techniques
- Learn to apply perceptual and technical abilities in creating shaders, textures, characters, scenes and animations
- Acquire hands-on experience with a wide range of commercially-available tools
- Develop a grasp of fundamentals that allow implementations beyond the extant user interfaces
- Become appreciative of the two cultures of computer graphics the one drawing on communication design and the other deriving from computer science.

Concentrations

This degree prepares students for careers in graphics/animation production and software development. Students acquire both the aesthetic and technical knowledge required in this rapidly changing industry. Students can choose from three concentrations, depending on their career aspirations:

**The Developer Concentration** is a more traditional computer science path, focusing on the mathematical and programming techniques necessary to build graphics/animation software. Developers study not only the necessary data structures to build software such as game engines and production renderers but also the knowledge required to know what software artists will need and how they will it.

**The Visualization Concentration** focuses on graphics/animation for displaying, explaining and analyzing scientific and medical data. Visualization displays numerical data in an accurate, high-density and compact form in which patterns are revealed, emphasized and clearly communicated. Students focus on the mathematics, statistics and programming techniques
necessary to analyze and display such data. At the same time students are given a firm
grounding in the aesthetics that allow them to build visualizations that communicate
effectively and beautifully. **The Technical Director Concentration** prepares students for jobs that facilitate artistic
production. It gives students a solid aesthetic background while also providing a firm
grounding in the scripting techniques necessary to take the industrys software as far as it can
go in realizing the artists creative intent. Graduates will be able to assist creative directors in
such activities as creating virtual sets, adjusting lighting, asset management and rigging
characters for animation.

**Course Requirements**

The MS in Computer Graphics and Motion Technology program consists of 13 courses with six
or seven prerequisite courses. Students choosing the Technical Director concentration take
six courses while students taking the Developer or Visualization concentrations take seven
courses.

**Grade and GPA requirements**

**Prerequisite Phase**

**Fundamental Phase**

**Core Phase**

**Advanced Phase**

**Elective Courses**

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**College of Computing and Digital Media - Graduate Studies ▸ School of Computing (SoC) ▸ Master of Science in Computer Graphics and Motion Technology ▸ Grade and GPA requirements**

**Grade and GPA requirements**

**Grades:** Students must receive a grade of B- or better in each prerequisite course and a C- or better in all
other courses.

**GPA:** Students must maintain a graduate level GPA of 2.50 or higher while pursuing their degree.
Students will not be approved for graduation with less than a 2.50 GPA. Students with a GPA of 3.85 or
higher will graduate with distinction.

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**College of Computing and Digital Media - Graduate Studies ▸ School of Computing (SoC) ▸ Master of Science in Computer Graphics and Motion Technology ▸ Prerequisite Phase**

**Prerequisite Phase**

The courses in the Prerequisite Phase for the MS in Computer Graphics and Motion
Technology are:

**Technical Director and Developer concentrations**

HCl 402  Foundations of Digital Design
GPH 212 Perceptual Principles for Digital Environments II
**Technical Director concentration** *

CSC 211 Programming in Java I *Self Placement Test Available*

* or CSC 261 Programming Languages I: C/C++

CSC 212 Programming in Java II

* or CSC 262 Programming Languages II: C/C++

* or CSC 224 Java for Programmers

* or CSC 396 Programming in Java I and II

GPH 259 Design Geometry

**Developer Concentration**

CSC 261 Programming Languages I: C/C++

CSC 262 Programming Languages II: C/C++

CSC 393 Data Structures in C++

MAT 150 Calculus I

* or MAT 160 Calculus for Mathematics and Science Majors I

* or MAT 170 Calculus I with Scientific Applications **

**Visualization Concentration**

HCI 402 Foundations of Digital Design

IT 223 Data Analysis

CSC 261 Programming Languages I: C/C++

CSC 262 Programming Languages II: C/C++

CSC 393 Data Structures in C++

MAT 150 Calculus I

* or MAT 160 Calculus for Mathematics and Science Majors I

* or MAT 170 Calculus I with Scientific Applications**

MAT 151 Calculus II

* or MAT 161 Calculus for Mathematics and Science Majors II

* or MAT 171 Calculus II with Scientific Applications***

* The Technical Director prerequisite track requires two quarters of programming in either Java or C/C++ so students entering with prior coursework in C++ will satisfy this requirement. Any TD student who wishes to eventually take courses in the Developer track as electives are encouraged to take the C++ programming track CSC 261 and CSC 262 to satisfy their prerequisite programming requirement.

** Calculus 1, MAT 170 Recommended

*** Calculus 2, MAT 171 Recommended

By taking these courses and receiving a grade of a B- or better in each, the student will have completed the requirements of the Prerequisite Phase. All or part of the Prerequisite Phase may be waived if a student has the equivalent academic background. Alternatively, students with practical experience may complete a Graduate Assessment Examination (GAE) to show competency in a prerequisite. All students are blocked from enrolling in Foundation Phase courses prior to completing their prerequisites. The student must submit an online Change of Status request when the Prerequisite Phase is completed to inform the Student Services offices that the block can be removed. The online request must be submitted two weeks before the student intends to register for graduate level classes. The student will then be considered a fully admitted student, and may pass to the Graduate Phase of the program. Students may submit the Change of Status request by logging in to MyCDM.
Fundamental Phase

The courses in the Fundamental Phase for the Technical Director and Developer concentrations are:

- HCI 470 Digital Page Formatting I
- GPH 425 Survey of Computer Graphics
- GPH 438 Computer Animation Survey
- GPH 448 Computer Graphics Scripting

The courses in the Fundamental Phase for the Visualization concentration are:

- HCI 470 Digital Page Formatting I
- HCI 440 Usability Engineering
- CSC 431 Scientific Computing
- GPH 425 Survey of Computer Graphics
- GPH 436 Fundamentals of Computer Graphics

Core Phase

The Core Knowledge Phase courses for the MS in Computer Graphics and Motion Technology are:

**Technical Directors concentration**

- GPH 450 Digital Modeling I
- HCI 422 Multimedia
- GPH 560 Modeling Spaces
- HCI 440 Usability Engineering

**Developers concentration**

- GPH 436 Fundamentals of Computer Graphics
- GPH 469 Computer Graphics Development
- GPH 572 Principles of Computer Animation

**Visualization concentration**

- CSC 481 Introduction to Image Processing
- GPH 469 Computer Graphics Development
- GPH 572 Principles of Computer Animation

Advanced Phase

The Advanced Phase courses for the MS in Computer Graphics and Motion Technology are:

**Technical Directors concentration**
Elective Courses

Three electives must be taken in the following areas. Elective courses must not have been otherwise used to satisfy degree requirements.

- 1 GPH Course, 420 level or above
- 2 CDM Courses, 420 level or above

At least one of the above 3 courses must be 500 level or above.

Suggested Electives

Technical Director Concentration

CSC 421 Applied Algorithms and Structures
CSC 423 Data Analysis and Regression
CSC 482 Applied Image Analysis
CSC 483 Information Processing Management
CSC 521 Monte Carlo Algorithms
GPH 448 Computer Graphics Scripting
GPH 487 Forensic Animation
GPH 536 Smooth Surface Modeling for Graphics and Animation
GPH 540 Procedural Shading
GPH 575 Advanced Graphics Development

Visualization Concentration

GPH 438 Computer Animation Survey
GPH 450 Digital Modeling I
GPH 539 Advanced Rendering Techniques
GPH 560 Modeling Spaces
About

The Master of Science in Computational Finance is a joint degree between the College of Computing and Digital Media (CDM) and the Kellstadt Graduate School of Business (KGSB).

The objective of this program is to offer students the opportunity to acquire both the ability to understand existing financial models in a quantitative and mathematical way, and the ability to implement these models in the form of computer programs. This program differs from a regular MS in Finance because of a stronger mathematical component and the addition of an intensive computational component. The program aims to produce graduates with the required qualifications to become "quantitative financial analysts". The Computational Finance graduates will be able to apply these quantitative tools to solve complex problems in the areas of portfolio management, risk management, and financial engineering. Note: Students who choose to apply to the MS in Computational Finance program must submit GMAT or GRE scores.

Find out more at the Computational Finance website: http://mycti.cti.depaul.edu/programs/cf

Admissions

Prerequisites Course

Required Courses

Grade and GPA Requirements
Prerequisites Course

Choose a two-course calculus sequence:

MAT 150 Calculus I
and MAT 151 Calculus II
OR
MAT 160 Calculus for Mathematics and Science Majors I
and MAT 161 Calculus for Mathematics and Science Majors II
OR
MAT 170 Calculus I with Scientific Applications
and MAT 171 Calculus II with Scientific Applications
CSC 261 Programming Languages I: C/C++
and CSC 262 Programming Languages II: C/C++
or CSC 309 Object-Oriented Programming in C++
CSC 202 Discrete Structures for Computer Science
or CSC 321 Design and Analysis of Algorithms

AND
GRE or GMAT

Required Courses

Courses (7) from the Kellstadt Graduate School of Business

ACC 500 Financial Accounting
ECO 555 Economics for Decision-Making
FIN 555 Financial Management
FIN 523 Investment Analysis
FIN 525 Portfolio Management
FIN 562 Derivatives : Pricing and Risk Management
FIN 662 Advanced Derivatives: Pricing and Applications

Courses (5) from the College of CDM

CSC 423 Data Analysis and Regression
CSC 425 Time Series Analysis and Forecasting
CSC 431 Scientific Computing
or CSC 485 Numerical Analysis
CSC 521 Monte Carlo Algorithms
CSC 696 Master's Research
or CSC 697 Graduate Internship
or CSC 559 Software Project: Developing Financial Engines

Electives (1)

One elective chosen from any 500 level course in the College of CDM.
Grade and GPA Requirements

Grades: Students must receive a grade of B- or better in each prerequisite course and a C- or better in all other courses.

GPA: Students must maintain a graduate level GPA of 2.50 or higher while pursuing their degree. Students will not be approved for graduation with less than a 2.50 GPA. Students with a GPA of 3.75 or higher will graduate with distinction.

Master of Science in Computer Science

About

The Master of Science degree in Computer Science prepares professionals to apply key concepts, techniques, structures and algorithms of computer science to improve the performance of current computer applications and develop new applications for computer systems.

The MS in Computer Science degree is appropriate for students who wish to pursue a technical career in any of a number of areas within Computer Science, or for students who wish to pursue a Ph.D. degree in the future.

The Master of Science in Computer Science program at DePaul CDM is structured to provide students an expertise in the following core areas:

- Algorithm development and Computer Science concepts
- Computer systems
- Programming and software development.

The program also allows students flexibility to apply the core knowledge to diverse applied areas:

- distributed systems and web development
- database systems
- data analysis
- data mining
- bioinformatics
- artificial intelligence and computer vision
- computer graphics
- computer games and animation
- software engineering and user interfaces
- networking and security

What Students Learn From The Computer Science Program

- Knowledge of key computer science concepts, techniques and algorithms.
- An understanding of the workings and the API (Application Programming Interface) of modern computer systems.
- Expertise in programming and software development.
- Skills in your choice of application areas.
- Research skills and experiences that can be applied in any endeavor, including pursuing a Ph.
Program Information

The program follows a three-phase sequence, with each phase preparing the student for the subsequent phase:

A. Prerequisite Phase
B. Foundations Phase
C. Advanced Phase

The goal of the prerequisite phase is to give students the background in programming, mathematics, data structures and computer systems that is necessary for starting the graduate program. Upon acceptance into the masters degree program, the student will meet with their faculty advisor to discuss required courses for the prerequisite phase. While completing this phase, a student is considered a conditionally admitted masters student. Typically, a student with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science will be waived from this phase.

The foundations phase consists of three graduate courses that provide the foundation in the three core areas of algorithm development, computer systems and software development.

The goal of the advanced phase is to further the student's expertise in these core areas through additional coursework in Computer Science Concepts and Computer Systems, with an emphasis on Software Development throughout, and to expand the student's expertise to other areas in Computer Science. The second part of the advanced phase gives students a great deal of flexibility. A student may choose to focus in a specific area by taking many courses in one area of computer science or to achieve a breadth of knowledge by selecting courses from a variety of areas. This degree is appropriate for students who wish to pursue a professional career in any of a number of areas of Computer Science, or for students who may wish to pursue a Ph.D. degree in the future.

Grade and GPA requirements

Grades

Students must receive a grade of B- or better in each prerequisite course and a C- or better in all other courses.

GPA

Students must maintain a graduate level GPA of 2.50 or higher while pursuing their degree. Students will not be approved for graduation with less than a 2.50 GPA. Students with a GPA of 3.90 or higher will graduate with distinction.
Prerequisite Phase

The courses in the Prerequisite Phase are:

CSC 202 Discrete Structures for Computer Science
CSC 211 Programming in Java I [Self Placement Test Available]
and CSC 212 Programming in Java II
or CSC 224 Java for Programmers [Self Placement Test Available]
or CSC 396 Programming in Java I and II
CSC 373 Computer Systems I
CSC 374 Computer Systems II
CSC 383 Data Structures and Algorithms in Java

By taking these courses and receiving a grade of a B- or better in each, the student will have completed the requirements of the Prerequisite Phase. All or part of the Prerequisite Phase may be waived if a student has the equivalent academic background. Alternatively, students with practical experience may complete a Graduate Assessment Examination (GAE) to show competency in a prerequisite. All students are blocked from enrolling in Core Knowledge Phase courses prior to completing their prerequisites. The student must submit an online Change of Status request when the Prerequisite Phase is completed to inform the Student Services offices that the block can be removed. The online request must be submitted two weeks before the student intends to register for graduate level classes. The student will then be considered a fully admitted student, and may pass to the Graduate Phase of the program. Students may submit the Change of Status request by logging in to MyCDM.

Foundations Phase

The Foundation Phase consists of 3 required courses:

CSC 421 Applied Algorithms and Structures
SE 435 Distributed Systems I
SE 450 Object-Oriented Software Development

Fully admitted students in the foundations phase may register for a maximum of four Advanced phase courses.

Advanced Phase

The Advanced Phase consists of 3 parts:
1. Core electives: Two courses from each core group: Computer Science Concepts and Computer Systems (total: 4 courses)

2. CS electives: Four additional courses (two of which must be 500-level) from the below comprehensive list of courses.

The courses are grouped as follows for convenience:

- Computer Science Concepts
- Computer Systems
- Database Systems
- Artificial Intelligence
- Bioinformatics
- Computer Vision
- Data Analysis
- Computer Graphics
- Software Engineering
- Security
- Network Technologies
- Computer Games and Animation
- User Interfaces, and
- Information Systems.

Two of the courses must be 500-level. The Independent Study course (CSC 695) may be taken for up to 8 credits and each 4 credit-hours of CSC695 will count towards one 500-level CS elective. A student may concentrate in one area by taking all 4 courses from the same group of courses, or may wish to take courses from a variety of areas.

3. CDM electives: Two elective courses. Elective courses are any CDM courses in the range 420-699.

Overall, at least four 500-level courses. A Master's Thesis or a Master's Research option is available to interested students.

Core Electives

Computer Science Concepts: these courses cover core Computer Science concepts, techniques, algorithms and structures with applications to a broad area of Computer Science.

CSC 431 Scientific Computing
CSC 440 Cryptology
CSC 444 Automata Theory and Formal Grammars
CSC 447 Concepts of Programming Languages
CSC 480 Foundations of Artificial Intelligence
CSC 481 Introduction to Image Processing
CSC 491 Applied Algorithms and Structures
CSC 503 Parallel Algorithms
CSC 521 Monte Carlo Algorithms
CSC 525 Combinatorial Optimization
CSC 531 Introduction to Bioinformatics
CSC 535 Formal Semantics of Programming Languages
CSC 489 Theory of Computation
CSC 547 Advanced Topics in Program Languages
CSC 575 Intelligent Information Retrieval
CSC 578 Neural Networks and Machine Learning
GPH 436 Fundamentals of Computer Graphics

Computer Systems: these courses cover computer systems, i.e. computer applications that provide an infrastructure used by a variety of other computer applications; most of these courses will require substantial programming.

CSC 443 Introduction to Operating Systems
CSC 448 Compiler Design
CSC 453 Database Technologies
CSC 545 Advanced Computer Organization
CSC 546 Operating Systems Design
CSC 548 Advanced Compiler Design
CSC 549 Database System Implementation
CSC 551 Distributed Database Systems
CSC 553 Advanced Database Concepts
SE 473 Security Architecture I
SE 536 Distributed Systems II
SE 540 Software Development for Mobile and Wireless Systems
SE 542 Software Development for Limited and Embedded Devices
SE 552 Concurrent Software Development
SE 573 Security Architecture II
TDC 561 Network Programming
TDC 577 Network Security II
CNS 450 Computer Forensics

CS Elective Courses

CS elective courses include courses in the Computer Science Concepts and the Computer Systems groups, as well as the courses listed below. The courses are grouped for convenience. A student may concentrate in one area by taking all 4 courses from the same group of courses, or may wish to take courses from a variety of areas.

Database Systems courses

CSC 452 Database Programming
CSC 453 Database Technologies
CSC 454 Database Administration and Management
CSC 549 Database System Implementation
CSC 550 Object-Oriented Databases
CSC 551 Distributed Database Systems
CSC 553 Advanced Database Concepts
CSC 589 Topics in Database
CSC 575 Intelligent Information Retrieval
CSC 543 Spatial Databases and Geographic Information Systems

Artificial Intelligence courses

CSC 457 Expert Systems
CSC 458 Symbolic Programming
CSC 475 Introduction to Robotics
CSC 480 Foundations of Artificial Intelligence
CSC 578 Neural Networks and Machine Learning
CSC 587 Cognitive Science
CSC 594 Topics in Artificial Intelligence
CSC 575 Intelligent Information Retrieval

Bioinformatics courses

CSC 531 Introduction to Bioinformatics
CSC 541 Introduction to Proteomics
CSC 542 Research Practicum in Computational Biology

Computer Vision courses

CSC 481 Introduction to Image Processing
CSC 484 Introduction to Computer Vision
CSC 498 Digital Signal Processing
CSC 538 Vision Systems
CSC 482 Applied Image Analysis
CSC 584 Computer Vision
CSC 592 Topics in Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition

Data Analysis courses


CSC 423 Data Analysis and Regression
CSC 424 Advanced Data Analysis
CSC 425 Time Series Analysis and Forecasting
CSC 428 Data Analysis for Experimenters
CSC 521 Monte Carlo Algorithms
CSC 578 Neural Networks and Machine Learning
CSC 598 Topics in Data Analysis
ECT 584 Web Data Mining for Business Intelligence
SE 468 Software Measurement/Project Estimation
SE 567 Software Reliability
IS 567 Knowledge Discovery Technologies

Computer Graphics courses

GPH 425 Survey of Computer Graphics
GPH 436 Fundamentals of Computer Graphics
GPH 438 Computer Animation Survey
GPH 448 Computer Graphics Scripting
GPH 450 Digital Modeling I
GPH 469 Computer Graphics Development
GPH 470 Survey of Computer Graphics
GPH 536 Smooth Surface Modeling for Graphics and Animation
GPH 538 Rigging for Animation
GPH 539 Advanced Rendering Techniques
GPH 540 Procedural Shading
GPH 541 Advanced Lighting Techniques
GPH 560 Modeling Spaces
GPH 570 Visualization
GPH 572 Principles of Computer Animation
GPH 575 Advanced Graphics Development
GPH 595 Topics in Graphics

Software Engineering courses

CSC 438 Framework for Web Application Development
SE 425 Principles and Practices of Software Engineering
SE 427 Software Quality Management
SE 430 Object Oriented Modeling
SE 431 Model-Driven Software Development
SE 433 Software Testing
SE 452 Object-Oriented Enterprise Computing
SE 468 Software Measurement/Project Estimation
SE 469 Software Safety
SE 470 Software Development Processes
SE 472 Personal Software Process
SE 473 Security Architecture I
SE 477 Software and Systems Project Management
SE 480 Software Architecture
SE 482 Requirements Engineering
SE 529 Software Risk Management
SE 531 Formal Software Specifications and Development II
SE 533 Software Validation and Verification
SE 536 Distributed Systems II
SE 542 Software Development for Limited and Embedded Devices
SE 546 Software Architecture and Design for Desktop Applications
SE 552 Concurrent Software Development
SE 554 Enterprise Component Architecture
SE 560 Structured Document Interchange and Processing
SE 567 Software Reliability
SE 571 Software Maintenance
SE 573 Security Architecture II

Security courses
CNS 450 Computer Forensics
CNS 477 Legal Issues in Information Assurance
CNS 594 Computer Information and Network Security Capstone
CSC 439 Computer Security
CSC 440 Cryptology
ECT 582 Secure Electronic Commerce
IS 511 Social Issues of Computing
IS 433 Information Security Management
SE 473 Security Architecture I
SE 482 Requirements Engineering
SE 529 Software Risk Management
SE 536 Distributed Systems II
SE 573 Security Architecture II
TDC 477 Network Security
TDC 511 Telecommunications Practicum
TDC 562 Computer-Communication Network Design and Analysis
TDC 563 Protocols and Techniques for Data Networks
TDC 577 Network Security II
TDC 588 Advanced Network Defense Systems

Network Technologies courses
TDC 432 Computer and Information Systems Modeling
TDC 460 Foundations of Communications Systems
TDC 463 Computer Networks and Data Systems
TDC 464 Voice Communication Networks
TDC 477 Network Security
TDC 511 Telecommunications Practicum
TDC 512 Cellular and Wireless Telecommunications
TDC 514 Computer Telephony
TDC 561 Network Programming
TDC 562 Computer-Communication Network Design and Analysis
TDC 563 Protocols and Techniques for Data Networks
TDC 564 Local Area Networks
TDC 565 Voice and Data Integration
TDC 566 Broadband Access Technologies
TDC 567 Telecommunication Systems Design and Management
TDC 568 Network Management
TDC 573 Multimedia Networking
TDC 577 Network Security II
TDC 588 Advanced Network Defense Systems

Information Systems courses
CNS 477 Legal Issues in Information Assurance
IS 433 Information Security Management
IS 511 Social Issues of Computing
IS 567 Knowledge Discovery Technologies

Computer Game Development courses
GAM 474 Action Games Programming
GAM 475 Game Engine Programming I
GAM 476 Artificial Intelligence for Computer Games
GAM 490 Multiplayer Game Development
GAM 575 Game Engine Programming II
SE 456 Architecture of Computer Games
SE 556 Advanced Architecture of Computer Games
SE 558 Architecture and Design for Multiplayer Games

User Interfaces Courses
**Master's Independent Study**

Students interested in a more in-depth study of a particular area can choose to work with a faculty member (not necessarily their academic advisor) on an independent study or research project. The work involved may include system development, empirical studies, or theoretical work. The student will register for up to 4 credit hours of CSC 695 (Master's Independent Study). 4 credit hours of CSC695 replace one 500 level CS elective course in the MS in CS program. CSC695 can be taken multiple times for up to 8 credit hours. Students must successfully complete the Core Knowledge courses prior to their first enrollment in CSC 695. Students interested in the Master's Research option must take CSC 695 for 8 credits. Students interested in the Master's Thesis option will typically take 8 credits of CSC695.

**Masters Research**

A student who has made a significant contribution to a research project, through work done in 2 quarters of CSC 695 (8 credit-hours), may choose to complete the Master's Research option. The student must submit a technical report detailing the results of the research project. This report must be approved by the student's research supervisor and the faculty advisor, at which point it will be made available to the public as a CDM Departmental Master's Research Technical Report. In that case, the student will be allowed to register for the 0 credit course CSC 696 (Master's Research) and the transcript will show the research project title as the course topic.

**Master's Thesis**

A student who has made an original contribution to the area (through work done by CSC 695, typically) may choose to complete a Master's Thesis. The student and the student's research advisor should form a Master's Thesis Committee of 3 faculty. The student will need submit to the committee a thesis detailing the results of the research project. After a public defense, the committee will decide whether to accept the thesis. In that case, the student will be allowed to register for the 0 credit course CSC698 (Master's Thesis) and the transcript will
Master of Science in Computer, Information and Network Security

About

The Master of Science in Computer, Information and Network Security offers students the opportunity to specialize in the fast-growing Information Assurance and Security field. Students will be able to earn an advanced degree from a university designated as a National Center of Academic Excellence in IA Education by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and National Security Agency (NSA).

The MS in Computer, Information and Network Security program is intended for students who wish to specialize in the security aspects of the Information Technology field. Students who complete the program will be prepted to:

- Assess the information security risks faced by an organization
- Understand technology and human factors related to these risks
- Evaluate tools and resources currently available to limit risk, mitigate the effects of hostile action and recover from attack
- Manage the development, implementation and evolution of a security infrastructure
- Assess the impact of policy, legislation, compliance requirements and market trends on organizational security objectives
- Design, implement and maintain software systems designed to support security policy and goals
- Develop and maintain a network architecture consistent with mitigating risk and preventing hostile attack
- Be lifelong learners in the information security environment

Concentrations

The Computer Security concentration focuses on fundamental security topics that arise in the design, analysis, and implementation of distributed systems. This concentration provides in-depth coverage of the theory and application of identity, authentication, access control, auditing, assessment & prevention of software vulnerabilities, and cryptography, in the context of modern enterprise-scale & web-bases systems.

The Information Systems concentration focuses on the organizational and management aspects of information security. Students will learn how to plan and implement security plans, to include risk assessment, threat and vulnerability analysis, implementation of controls and safeguards, and maintenance. Students will also learn about related areas such as regulatory compliance, legal issues in security, and disaster recovery.

The Network Security concentration focuses on the network infrastructure and network security management aspects information security. This concentration will provide in-depth coverage of network security infrastructure technologies such as firewalls, Virtual Private Networks (VPN), Intrusion Detection and Prevention Systems (IDS/IPS), vulnerability assessment tools, as well as overall security infrastructure engineering and design.

The Regulation, Compliance, & Audit Concentration focuses on the impact of Information Assurance legislation and IT security controls requirements on Enterprises. This concentration explores the information assurance aspects to IT and financial auditing and provide a sound foundations for students looking for a career in auditing, compliance and information security.
foundations for students looking for a career in auditing, compliance and information security management.

What Students Will Learn From The Program

- Information assurance fundamentals
- Organizational security framework
- Ability to analyze vulnerabilities and threats to an enterprise security infrastructure and how to develop and deploy control mechanisms to protect the enterprise
- How to determine, design, implement and support a security infrastructure throughout its life-cycle
- The impact of security requirements on business operations

Program Information

The program follows a three-phase sequence, with each phase preparing the students for the subsequent phase. The master's degree program consists of

- Prerequisite Phase
- Foundation Phase
- Advanced Phase

Upon acceptance into the masters degree program, the student will meet with their faculty advisor to discuss required courses for the Prerequisite Phase. The Prerequisite Phase is intended to ensure that all students enter graduate courses with an equivalent background. While completing this phase, a student is considered a conditionally admitted masters student. In the Core Knowledge phase, a student will follow a sequence of courses to acquire an understanding of the technological and theoretical foundations for the particular degree. In the Advanced Phase of the program, the fundamental information learned previously allows a student to study advanced topics within their chosen degree. This phase adds depth to the work completed in the Core Knowledge Phase. Individual interests and needs are also addressed through a series of elective courses chosen in consultation with the students faculty advisor.

Grade and GPA requirements

Prerequisite Phase

Foundation Phase

Advanced Phase

Grade and GPA requirements

Grades: Students must receive a grade of B- or better in each prerequisite course and a C- or better in all other courses.

GPA: Students must maintain a graduate level GPA of 2.50 or higher while pursuing their degree. Students will not be approved for graduation with less than a 2.50 GPA. Students with a GPA of 3.90 or higher will graduate with distinction.

Specific GPA requirements for the Foundation Phase are listed in the Program Requirements section.
Prerequisite Phase

The following courses are required for the **Computer Security** concentration:

CSC 211 Programming in Java I  *Self Placement Test Available*
AND CSC 212 Programming in Java II
or CSC 224 Java for Programmers
or CSC 396 Programming in Java I and II
CSC 373 Computer Systems I
CSC 374 Computer Systems II
CSC 383 Data Structures and Algorithms in Java

The following courses are required for the **Information Systems Security** concentration:

CSC 211 Programming in Java I  *Self Placement Test Available*
AND CSC 212 Programming in Java II
or CSC 224 Java for Programmers
or CSC 396 Programming in Java I and II
IT 215 Analysis and Design Techniques  *Self Placement Test Available*
ECT 310 Internet Application Development

The following courses are required for the **Network Security** concentration:

CSC 211 Programming in Java I  *Self Placement Test Available*
or CSC 261 Programming Languages I: C/C++
or any more advanced programming course
IT 223 Data Analysis  *Self Placement Test Available*
TDC 311 Computers in Telecommunications Systems
or CSC 373 Computer Systems I
TDC 361 Basic Communication Systems

The following courses are required for the **Regulation, Compliance & Audit** concentration:

TDC 361 Basic Communication Systems
or IT 263 Applied Networks and Security

By taking these courses and receiving a grade of a B- or better in each, the student will have completed the requirements of the Prerequisite Phase.

All or part of the Prerequisite Phase may be waived if a student has the equivalent academic background. Alternatively, students with practical experience may complete a Graduate Assessment Examination (GAE) to show competency in a prerequisite. All students are blocked from enrolling in Foundation Phase courses prior to completing their prerequisites. The student must submit an online Change of Status request when the Prerequisite Phase is completed to inform the Student Services offices that the block can be removed. The online request must be submitted two weeks before the student intends to register for graduate level classes. The student will then be considered a fully admitted student, and may pass to the Graduate phase of the program. Students may submit the Change of Status request by logging in to MyCDM.

Foundation Phase
The following five (5) courses are required for the **Computer Security** Concentration:

- SE 435  Distributed Systems I
- SE 450  Object-Oriented Software Development
- TDC 477  Network Security
- IS 511  Social Issues of Computing  
  or CNS 477  Legal Issues in Information Assurance
- IS 433  Information Security Management

The following five (5) courses are required for the **Information Systems Security** Concentration:

- IS 425  Enterprise Information
- TDC 463  Computer Networks and Data Systems
- TDC 477  Network Security
- IS 511  Social Issues of Computing  
  or CNS 477  Legal Issues in Information Assurance
- IS 433  Information Security Management

The following five (5) courses are required for the **Network Security** Concentration:

- TDC 460  Foundations of Communications Systems
- TDC 463  Computer Networks and Data Systems
- TDC 477  Network Security
- IS 511  Social Issues of Computing  
  or CNS 477  Legal Issues in Information Assurance
- IS 433  Information Security Management

The following five (5) courses are required for the **Regulation, Compliance & Audit** Concentration:

- ACC 500  Financial Accounting
- TDC 463  Computer Networks and Data Systems
- TDC 477  Network Security
- CNS 477  Legal Issues in Information Assurance
- IS 433  Information Security Management

**Foundation Phase GPA Requirements:**

To progress to the Advanced Phase of the degree, a student must complete the Prerequisite Phase and Foundation Phases.

**GPA Requirement:**

A student must achieve an average grade of 3.0 or better in the five (5) courses that form the Foundation Phase.

A student who does not meet the grade requirement must retake the course with the lowest grade. If a number of such courses exist, then it is up to the student to choose which class to retake. Only the higher grade will count toward the average grade for the purpose of completing the GPA Requirement.

Students that do not meet the GPA requirements, and do not want to re-take a class are encouraged to see faculty advising guidance to discuss their options.

A maximum of four (4) courses in the Advanced Phase can be taken before a student completes the Foundation Phase and fulfill the GPA Requirement.
Advanced Phase

The MS-CINS advanced phase is composed of four (4) parts:

- CINS Concentration Area
- CINS Elective
- CDM Open Electives
- Capstone or Thesis Requirement

CINS Concentration Area

According to their concentration a student must meet the following requirements:

**Computer Security Concentration:**

A student must complete the following 2 courses:

CSC 440 Cryptology
SE 473 Security Architecture I

A student must complete one (1) of the following two (2) courses:

SE 547 Foundations of Computer Security
SE 573 Security Architecture II

A student must complete one (1) of the following six (6) courses:

SE 536 Distributed Systems II
SE 482 Requirements Engineering
SE 547 Foundations of Computer Security
SE 573 Security Architecture II
SE 529 Software Risk Management
TDC 577 Network Security II
or TDC 588 Advanced Network Defense Systems

**Information Systems Security Concentration:**

A student must complete the following course:

IS 533 Enterprise Security Infrastructure Controls and Regulatory Compliance

A student must complete three (3) of the following eleven (11) courses:

SE 430 Object Oriented Modeling
IS 511 Social Issues of Computing (This course can not be counted in this category if used for foundation phase fulfillment)
CNS 477 Legal Issues in Information Assurance (This course can not be counted in this category if used for foundation phase fulfillment)
IS 483 Information Services and Operations
IS 540 Global Information Technology
ECT 582 Secure Electronic Commerce
ECT 585 Legal Aspects of E-Commerce
IS 505 Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery
SE 529 Software Risk Management
SE 482 Requirements Engineering
TDC 577 Network Security II
or TDC 588 Advanced Network Defense Systems

**Network Security Concentration:**
A student must complete the following 3 courses:

- TDC 511 Telecommunications Practicum
- TDC 563 Protocols and Techniques for Data Networks
- TDC 577 Network Security II
- or TDC 588 Advanced Network Defense Systems

A student must complete one (1) of the following four (4) courses:

- TDC 561 Network Programming
- TDC 562 Computer-Communication Network Design and Analysis
- TDC 567 Telecommunication Systems Design and Management
- ECT 582 Secure Electronic Commerce

**Regulation, Compliance & Audit Concentration:**

A student must complete the following 3 courses:

- ACC 541 Financial Accounting Theory and Practice I
- ACC 547 Audit and Regulation of Corporate Financial Reporting
- IS 533 Enterprise Security Infrastructure Controls and Regulatory Compliance

A student must complete one (1) of the following eight (8) courses:

- ACC 550 Advanced Topics in Auditing
- ACC 543 Financial Accounting Theory and Practice II
- ACC 552 Legal and Ethical Environment of Accounting Practice
- ECT 582 Secure Electronic Commerce
- IS 425 Enterprise Information
- IS 505 Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery
- IS 511 Social Issues of Computing
- TDC 577 Network Security II
- or TDC 588 Advanced Network Defense Systems

**CINS Elective**

Student must complete 1 course from any CINS concentration area. It can be from their concentration area or any others. That course can not be used to fulfill a students CINS Concentration Area or Foundation Phase requirements.

**CDM Open Electives**

Student must complete two (2) CDM open electives.

Elective courses are in the range of 420-699 and must be from the College of CDM or from the following list: ACC 550, ACC 543 and ACC 552.

**Capstone or Thesis Requirement**

The capstone class provides an opportunity for students to demonstrate and assess the skills they have developed during the rest of the degree.

Students should either take one of:

- CNS 594 Computer Information and Network Security Capstone
- or CSC 698 Master's Thesis
- or ECT 698 Master's Thesis
- or IS 698 Master's Thesis
- or SE 698 Master's Thesis
- or TDC 698 Master's Thesis
About

The Master of Science in E-Commerce Technology is designed for those who want to specialize in e-business systems development and management.

The MS in E-Commerce Technology exposes students to a broad and changing mix of technologies, programming languages and tools. Practica, team projects, and work for real clients provide an authentic environment for learning.

The curriculum provides flexible, modularized advanced training in e-business systems as well as competencies in Internet application development, advanced Internet technologies, and wireless applications.

Students may also expand their competencies in

- IT architecture design
- Project management
- Enterprise systems integration
- Design of information security, networks, and databases.

What Students Learn From The Program

- Computer programming and database technology
- Web engineering methodology, user-centered design, and systems development life cycle
- Web services, e-commerce servers, Web 2.0
- Project management
- Networking and middleware

Program Information

The program follows a three-phase sequence, with each phase preparing the student for the subsequent phase. The masters degree program consists of:

- Prerequisite Phase
- Foundation Phase
- Advanced Phase
- Competency/Course Cross List

Upon acceptance into the masters degree program, the student will meet with a faculty advisor to discuss required courses for the Prerequisite Phase. The Prerequisite Phase is intended to ensure that all students enter graduate courses with an equivalent background. While completing this phase, a student is considered a conditionally admitted masters student. In the Foundation Phase, a student will follow a sequence of courses to acquire an understanding of the technological and theoretical Foundations for the particular degree. In the Advanced Phase of the program, the fundamental information learned previously allows a student to study advanced topics within the chosen degree. This phase adds depth to the work completed in the Foundation Phase. Individual interests and needs are also addressed through a series of elective courses chosen in consultation with the students faculty advisor.

Grade and GPA requirements

Prerequisite Phase

Foundation Phase

Advanced Phase
**Elective Course Restrictions**

**College of Computing and Digital Media - Graduate Studies ▶ School of Computing (SoC) ▶ Master of Science in E-Commerce Technology ▶ Grade and GPA requirements**

**Grade and GPA requirements**

**Grades:** Students must receive a grade of B- or better in each prerequisite course and a C- or better in all other courses.

**GPA:** Students must maintain a graduate level GPA of 2.50 or higher while pursuing their degree. Students will not be approved for graduation with less than a 2.50 GPA. Students with a GPA of 3.90 will graduate with distinction.

**College of Computing and Digital Media - Graduate Studies ▶ School of Computing (SoC) ▶ Master of Science in E-Commerce Technology ▶ Prerequisite Phase**

**Prerequisite Phase**

The courses in the Prerequisite Phase for the Master of E-Commerce Technology are:

- CSC 211 Programming in Java I [Self Placement Test Available]
- CSC 212 Programming in Java II
- or CSC 224 Java for Programmers* [Self Placement Test Available]
- or CSC 396 Programming in Java I and II
- ECT 310 Internet Application Development
- SE 325 Principles and Practices of Software Engineering [Self Placement Test Available]
- CSC 383 Data Structures and Algorithms in Java

* CSC 224 is equivalent to both CSC 211 and CSC 212. Only students with experience in programming languages should take CSC 224.

By taking these courses and receiving a grade of a B- or better in each, the student will have completed the requirements of the Prerequisite Phase. All or part of the Prerequisite Phase may be waived if a student has the equivalent academic background. Alternatively, students with practical experience may complete a Graduate Assessment Examination (GAE) to show competency in a prerequisite. All students are blocked from enrolling in Foundation Phase courses prior to completing their prerequisites. The student must submit an online Change of Status request when the Prerequisite Phase is completed to inform the Student Services offices that the block can be removed. The online request must be submitted two weeks before the student intends to register for graduate level classes. The student will then be considered a fully admitted student, and may pass to the Graduate Phase of the program. Students may submit the Change of Status request by logging in to MyCDM.

**Foundation Phase**
ECT 425 Technical Fundamentals of Distributed Information Systems
ECT 455 E-Commerce Web Site Engineering
CSC 451 Database Design
or CSC 453 Database Technologies
SE 430 Object Oriented Modeling

Advanced Phase

Advanced Phase (9 courses; at least four 500-level courses)

Required (3 courses) (Note: Along with ECT 455 and ECT 589 or ECT 590, these five courses constitute the E-Business Systems module.)

ECT 480 Intranets and Portals
ECT 481 Internet Supply Chain Management
ECT 582 Secure Electronic Commerce

Electives (5 courses)
With numerous pre-defined competency modules, students can gain expertise in addition to competency in e-business systems. A student can take four courses listed in one of the competencies based on their career goals and preferences. Students can fulfill these electives by taking courses in:

1. One pre-defined competency module or customized module, and
2. Additional elective courses. Please note: Students are not allowed to take SE 425 as one open elective course.

Capstone (1 course)

ECT 589 E-Commerce Technology Capstone
or ECT 590 E-Business Technology Practicum

E-Commerce Technology Modules

IT Management Oriented [mn]
mn1. IT Project Management I
mn2. IT Project Management II
mn3. IT Planning and Global Strategies
mn4. Legal & Social Issues
mn5. IT Regulatory Compliance

Internet Oriented [in]
in1. Internet Application Development
in2. Wireless/Mobile Applications

Design/Development Oriented [dd]
dd1. Application Development
dd2. Software Engineering
dd3. e-Business Systems
dd4. HCI Methods
dd5. Enterprise Systems Integration

Data Oriented [do]
do1. Database Design I
do2. Database Design II  
do3. Data Mining & Analytics  
do4. Knowledge Management  

*Infrastructure Oriented [if]*  
if1. Network Design  
if2. Information Assurance & Security Design  
if3. IT Architecture Design  

*IT Management Oriented [mn]*  

**mn1.** IT Project Management I  
IS 483 Information Services and Operations  
IS 512 Groupware and Virtual Collaboration  
IS 535 Information Technology Investment Financial Analysis  
IS 556 Enterprise Project Management  
IS 560 Enterprise Systems  
IS 570 Enterprise System Implementation.  
SE 433 Software Testing  
SE 468 Software Measurement/Project Estimation  
SE 477 Software and Systems Project Management  
ACC 500 Financial Accounting Kellstadt Graduate School of Business  
MGT 500 Managing Effective and Ethical Organizational Behavior Kellstadt Graduate School of Business  

**mn2.** IT Project Management II  
ECT 556 Enterprise Architecture and Design  
ECT 589 E-Commerce Technology Capstone  
IS 511 Social Issues of Computing  
IS 533 Enterprise Security Infrastructure Controls and Regulatory Compliance  
IS 556 Enterprise Project Management  
IS 565 IT Outsourcing  
IS 578 Information Technology Consulting  
SE 529 Software Risk Management  
MGT 562 Resolving Conflict in Organizations Kellstadt Graduate School of Business  
MGT 563 Negotiation Skills Kellstadt Graduate School of Business  

**mn3.** IT Planning and Global Strategies  
ECT 556 Enterprise Architecture and Design  
ECT 565 Mobile Enterprise  
ECT 589 E-Commerce Technology Capstone  
IS 483 Information Services and Operations  
IS 512 Collaborative Technologies for Leading Projects  
IS 535 Information Technology Investment Financial Analysis  
IS 540 Global Information Technology  
IS 560 Enterprise Systems  
IS 577 Information Systems Capstone  
IT 599 Topics in Global Information Technology  
ACC 500 Financial Accounting Kellstadt Graduate School of Business  
MGT 501 Strategic Supply Chain Management Kellstadt Graduate School of Business  

**mn4.** Legal & Social Issues  
ECT 585 Legal Aspects of E-Commerce  
IS 433 Information Security Management  
IS 482 Legal Aspects of Information Technology  
IS 511 Social Issues of Computing  
IS 565 IT Outsourcing  
IS 570 Enterprise System Implementation.  
IT 599 Topics in Global Information Technology
TDC 569 Telecommunication Regulation, Policy, Law and Standards

**mn5. IT Regulatory Compliance**

CNS 477 Legal Issues in Information Assurance  
IS 433 Information Security Management  
IS 505 Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery  
IS 533 Enterprise Security Infrastructure Controls and Regulatory Compliance  
IS 535 Information Technology Investment Financial Analysis  
IS 556 Enterprise Project Management  
IS 560 Enterprise Systems

**Internet Oriented (in)**

**in1. Internet Application Development**

ECT 455 E-Commerce Web Site Engineering  
ECT 556 Enterprise Architecture and Design  
ECT 557 Peer-To-peer Technology  
ECT 583 Advanced Scripting Technologies  
ECT 588 E-Marketplace Technology  
ECT 590 E-Business Technology Practicum  
HCI 440 Usability Engineering  
IS 556 Enterprise Project Management  
SE 560 Structured Document Interchange and Processing

**in2. Wireless/Mobile Applications**

ECT 455 E-Commerce Web Site Engineering  
ECT 565 Mobile Enterprise  
ECT 587 Mobile Commerce Technology  
HCI 440 Usability Engineering  
HCI 530 Usability Issues for Handheld Devices  
SE 540 Software Development for Mobile and Wireless Systems

**Design/Development Oriented (dd)**

**dd1. Application Development**

ECT 455 E-Commerce Web Site Engineering  
ECT 557 Peer-To-peer Technology  
ECT 565 Mobile Enterprise  
ECT 583 Advanced Scripting Technologies  
ECT 587 Mobile Commerce Technology  
HCI 440 Usability Engineering  
IS 565 IT Outsourcing  
IS 570 Enterprise System Implementation.  
SE 433 Software Testing  
SE 470 Software Development Processes  
SE 482 Requirements Engineering  
SE 560 Structured Document Interchange and Processing

**dd2. Software Engineering**

ECT 556 Enterprise Architecture and Design  
IS 556 Enterprise Project Management  
SE 450 Object-Oriented Software Development  
SE 452 Object-Oriented Enterprise Computing  
SE 470 Software Development Processes  
SE 480 Software Architecture  
SE 482 Requirements Engineering  
SE 529 Software Risk Management
SE 550  Distributed Software Development

### dd3. e-Business Systems

ECT 455 E-Commerce Web Site Engineering  
ECT 480 Intranets and Portals  
ECT 481 Internet Supply Chain Management  
ECT 557 Peer-To-peer Technology  
ECT 582 Secure Electronic Commerce  
ECT 583 Advanced Scripting Technologies  
ECT 587 Mobile Commerce Technology  
ECT 589 E-Commerce Technology Capstone  
ECT 590 E-Business Technology Practicum  
IS 535  Information Technology Investment Financial Analysis  
IS 556  Enterprise Project Management  
IS 560  Enterprise Systems  
IS 565  IT Outsourcing  
IS 570  Enterprise System Implementation  
MGT 501 Strategic Supply Chain Management  
MKT 555 Decisions in MarketingManagement  
Kellstadt Graduate School of Business

### dd4. HCI Methods

ECT 557 Peer-To-peer Technology  
ECT 587 Mobile Commerce Technology  
HCI 430  Prototyping and Implementation  
HCI 440  Usability Engineering  
HCI 445  Inquiry Methods and Use Analysis  
HCI 450  Foundations of Human-Computer Interaction  
HCI 454  Interaction Design  
HCI 460  Usability Evaluation Methods  
IS 421  Information Systems Analysis

### dd5. Enterprise Systems Integration

ECT 480 Intranets and Portals  
ECT 481 Internet Supply Chain Management  
ECT 556 Enterprise Architecture and Design  
ECT 565 Mobile Enterprise  
ECT 584 Web Data Mining for Business Intelligence  
ECT 586 Customer Relationship Management Technologies  
IS 535  Information Technology Investment Financial Analysis  
IS 549  Data Warehousing and Data Mining  
IS 556  Enterprise Project Management  
IS 560  Enterprise Systems  
MGT 501 Strategic Supply Chain Management  
Kellstadt Graduate School of Business

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**Data Oriented** [do]

### do1. Database Design I

CSC 453 Database Technologies  
CSC 451 Database Design  
CSC 452 Database Programming  
CSC 454 Database Administration and Management  
IS 549  Data Warehousing and Data Mining

### do2. Database Design II

CSC 543 Spatial Databases and Geographic Information Systems  
CSC 550 Object-Oriented Databases  
CSC 551 Distributed Database Systems
CSC 553 Advanced Database Concepts
IS 549 Data Warehousing and Data Mining
IS 556 Enterprise Project Management

**do3. Data Mining & Analytics**

CSC 423 Data Analysis and Regression
ECT 480 Intranets and Portals
ECT 584 Web Data Mining for Business Intelligence
ECT 586 Customer Relationship Management Technologies
IS 549 Data Warehousing and Data Mining
IS 567 Knowledge Discovery Technologies
IS 574 Decision Support Systems and Intelligent Systems
MKT 555 Decisions in Marketing Management Kellstadt Graduate School of Business

**do4. Knowledge Management**

CSC 480 Foundations of Artificial Intelligence
ECT 480 Intranets and Portals
IS 456 Knowledge Management Systems
IS 512 Groupware and Virtual Collaboration
IS 574 Decision Support Systems and Intelligent Systems
IS 575 Intelligent Information Retrieval

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**Infrastructure Oriented [if]**

**if1. Network Design**

ECT 557 Peer-To-peer Technology
ECT 587 Mobile Commerce Technology
TDC 460 Foundations of Communications Systems
TDC 463 Computer Networks and Data Systems
TDC 511 Telecommunications Practicum
TDC 564 Local Area Networks
TDC 567 Telecommunication Systems Design and Management

**if2. Information Assurance & Security Design**

CNS 477 Legal Issues in Information Assurance
CNS 594 Computer Information and Network Security Capstone
ECT 582 Secure Electronic Commerce
IS 433 Information Security Management
IS 505 Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery
IS 511 Social Issues of Computing
IS 533 Enterprise Security Infrastructure Controls and Regulatory Compliance
SE 473 Security Architecture I
SE 529 Software Risk Management
TDC 477 Network Security
TDC 463 Computer Networks and Data Systems

**if3. IT Architecture Design**

CSC 551 Distributed Database Systems
DS 520 System Design and Implementation with Distributed Object Frameworks
ECT 556 Enterprise Architecture and Design
ECT 565 Mobile Enterprise
ECT 590 E-Business Technology Practicum
IS 535 Information Technology Investment Financial Analysis
IS 556 Enterprise Project Management
SE 450 Object-Oriented Software Development
SE 473 Security Architecture I
SE 480 Software Architecture
SE 554 Enterprise Component Architecture
Elective Course Restrictions

Elective courses are in the range of 420-699 and must be from the College of CDM. Credit for courses taken outside of the college will only be given if approved by a faculty advisor. Courses suggested for any Prerequisite Phase in any concentration do not count for elective credit. Any course required for the students concentration but taken as part of the requirements of another degree earned by the student may be waived, but cannot be used for elective credit.

Master of Science in Human-Computer Interaction

About

The Masters Program in Human-Computer Interaction provides students with skills and expertise for designing, prototyping and testing user interfaces and web sites.

The Master of Science in Human-Computer Interaction at DePaul prepares students to design, implement, and evaluate computer interfaces so that they are accessible and easy for people to use. This interdisciplinary degree integrates concepts and methods from computer science, graphic design and the social sciences to provide a comprehensive understanding of the user-centered design process.

What Students Will Learn From This Program

- Carry out the full user-centered design process
- Conduct usability tests
- Perform research on users and their tasks
- Create the information architecture for a web site or complex application
- Develop working prototypes of dynamic web sites

Program Information

The program has five phases, with each phase preparing the student for the subsequent phase. The masters degree program consists of:

Prerequisite Courses
Fundamentals Courses
Core Courses
Advanced Phase Courses
Capstone Course

Upon acceptance into the masters degree program, the student will meet with a faculty advisor to discuss Prerequisite courses. The Prerequisite courses are intended to ensure that all students enter graduate courses with an equivalent background. The Fundamental courses offer knowledge in the multiple disciplines that contribute to HCI. Students in the Core
courses acquire an understanding of the technological and theoretical foundations, and the Advanced Phase provides students the opportunity to study specialized topics in greater depth. This phase adds depth to the work completed in the previous phases. The degree culminates in the experience of the Capstone Course where students undertake a comprehensive project involving analysis, design, implementation and evaluation.

Grade and GPA requirements

Prerequisite Courses

Fundamentals Courses

Core Courses

Advanced Phase Courses

Capstone Course

Grade and GPA requirements

Grades: Students must receive a grade of B- or better in each prerequisite course and a C- or better in all other courses.

GPA: Students must maintain a graduate level GPA of 2.50 or higher while pursuing their degree. Students will not be approved for graduation with less than a 2.50 GPA. Students with a GPA of 3.90 or higher will graduate with distinction.

Prerequisite Courses

The courses in the Prerequisite Phase for the MS in Human-Computer Interaction are listed below.

IT 130 The Internet and the Web  Self Placement Test Available
IT 223 Data Analysis  Self Placement Test Available
IM 230 Scripting for Interactive Media
or IM 336 Interactive Media Scripting for Programmers
IM 270 User-Centered Web Design
HCI 402 Foundations of Digital Design *

* HCI 402 is not currently offered online. Consult your advisor for determining suitable alternative coursework.

Students who intend to take implementation courses at the graduate level are encouraged to complete CSC 212, CSC 396 or CSC 224.

By taking these courses and receiving a grade of a B- or better in each, the student will have completed the requirements of the Prerequisite Phase. All or part of the Prerequisite Phase
may be waived if a student has the equivalent academic background. Alternatively, students with practical experience may complete a Graduate Assessment Examination (GAE) to show competency in a prerequisite. The student must submit an online Change of Status request when the Prerequisite Phase is completed to inform the Student Services offices that the block can be removed. The online request must be submitted two weeks before the student intends to register for graduate level classes. The student will then be considered a fully admitted student, and may pass to the Graduate Phase of the program. Students may submit the Change of Status request by logging in to MyCDM.

**Fundamentals Courses**

Students should complete their Prerequisite courses before beginning the Fundamental courses. However, while completing the Prerequisite courses, students may take Fundamental courses with consent of their faculty advisor. The Fundamental courses for the MS in Human-Computer Interaction are:

- HCI 440 Usability Engineering
- HCI 450 Foundations of Human-Computer Interaction
- HCI 470 Digital Page Formatting I

**Core Courses**

Students must complete all Prerequisite courses and should be finishing Fundamental courses before taking Core courses.

The Core courses are:

- HCI 430 Prototyping and Implementation
- HCI 445 Inquiry Methods and Use Analysis
- HCI 460 Usability Evaluation Methods
- HCI 454 Interaction Design

**Advanced Phase Courses**

Students must complete four courses either from the HCI offering or from the courses listed below, plus one advisor-approved elective from the College of CDM. All advanced phase courses in CDM must be numbered 420 or higher.
The HCI offering includes: (but is not limited to)

HCI 422 Multimedia
HCI 432 User-Centered Web Development
HCI 511 Designing for Disabilities
HCI 530 Usability Issues for Handheld Devices
HCI 590 Topics in Human-Computer Interaction

Non-HCI Advanced phase courses open to all HCI graduate students

CSC 423 Data Analysis and Regression
CSC 424 Advanced Data Analysis
CSC 428 Data Analysis for Experimenters
CSC 449 Database Technologies
CSC 451 Database Design
CSC 587 Cognitive Science
ECT 433 Survey of Web Programming Technologies
ECT 455 E-Commerce Web Site Engineering
ECT 480 Intranets and Portals
ECT 586 Customer Relationship Management Technologies
IS 456 Knowledge Management Systems
IS 511 Social Issues of Computing
IS 570 Enterprise System Implementation
ITS 427 Learning and Technology
ITS 431 Instructional Delivery and Course Management Systems
ITS 560 Training and User Support
IT 432 Web Architecture for Non-Programmers
PM 430 Fundamentals of IT Project Management
PM 440 Collaborative Technology for Leading Projects
PSY 402 Perceptual Processes
PSY 404 Learning and Cognitive Processes
PSY 473 The Psychology of Judgment and Decision-Making
PSY 557 Seminar in Learning and Cognitive Processes
PSY 680 Industrial and Organizational Psychology
SE 425 Principles and Practices of Software Engineering
SE 477 Software and Systems Project Management
SE 482 Requirements Engineering

Advanced phase courses open to students with programming experience.

GPH 425 Survey of Computer Graphics
GPH 438 Computer Animation Survey
SE 430 Object Oriented Modeling

**Capstone Course**

**HCI 594 Human-Computer Interaction Capstone**

* HCI 594 is not currently offered online. Consult your advisor for determining suitable alternative coursework.
Master of Science in Information Systems

College of Computing and Digital Media - Graduate Studies \School of Computing (SoC)\ Master of Science in Information Systems

About

The Master of Science in Information Systems program combines emphasis on technical and managerial expertise including IT project management, enterprise system implementation, systems analysis & design, IT organizational management, IT consulting, database administration, and Internet applications.

The MS in Information Systems focuses on the planning, development and management of information systems that enable organizations to gain strategic and tactical competitive advantage.

Today organizations expect IS professionals to be familiar with a variety of information technology solutions as well as business disciplines. This program helps students attain multiple competencies as IS professionals when information technology solutions are constantly evolving.

FIND OUT MORE AT THE INFORMATION SYSTEMS PROGRAMS WEBSITE:
http://mycti.cti.depaul.edu/programs/is

Competency Modules

Several modules are available to allow students to focus in-depth on a variety of information systems competency areas.

With 19 Competency Modules available, students can choose those that best meet their current and future career plans. Students can gain expertise in managing technology while enhancing specific technical skills:

- Application Development
- Database Design I
- Database Design II
- Data Mining & Analytics
- e-Business Systems
- Enterprise Systems Integration
- HCI Methods
- IT Architecture Design
- IT Project Management I
- IT Project Management II
- IT Planning and Global Strategies
- IT Regulatory Compliance
- Internet Application Development
- Information Assurance & Security Design
- Knowledge Management
- Legal & Social Issues
- Network Design
- Wireless/Mobile Applications

What Students Learn From The Program

- foundational systems design skills
- IT project management knowledge and skills
- data-driven technologies such as data mining, supply chain management (SCM), customer relationship management (CRM)
- enterprise systems management
- advanced systems architecture and design skills

Program Information
The program follows a four-phase sequence, with each phase preparing the student for the subsequent phase. The masters degree program consists of:

Prerequisite Phase
Foundation Phase
Advanced Phase
Capstone Course
Competency/Course Cross List

Upon acceptance into the masters degree program, the student will meet with a faculty advisor to discuss required courses for the Prerequisite Phase. The Prerequisite Phase is intended to ensure that all students enter graduate courses with an equivalent background. While completing this phase, a student is considered a conditionally admitted masters student.

After the Prerequisite Phase, the student will complete 13 graduate level courses to meet degree requirements. In the Foundation Phase, a student will follow a sequence of courses to acquire an understanding of the technological and theoretical foundations for the particular degree. In the Advanced Phase of the program, the fundamental information learned previously allows a student to study advanced topics within their chosen degree with eight courses. This phase adds depth to the work completed in the Foundation Phase. Individual interests and needs are also addressed through a series of elective courses chosen in consultation with the students faculty advisor. The student finishes the MS program with IS 577, the capstone course.

Grade and GPA requirements

Prerequisite Phase
Foundation Phase
Advanced Phase
Capstone Course
Advanced Elective Restrictions

Grade and GPA requirements

**Grades**: Students must receive a grade of B- or better in each prerequisite course and a C- or better in all other courses.

**GPA**: Students must maintain a graduate level GPA of 2.50 or higher while pursuing their degree. Students will not be approved for graduation with less than a 2.50 GPA. Students with a GPA of 3.90 will graduate with distinction.

Prerequisite Phase
The courses in the Prerequisite Phase for the MS in Information Systems are:

CSC 211 Programming in Java I  Self Placement Test Available  
CSC 212 Programming in Java II  
**or**  CSC 224 Java for Programmers  Self Placement Test Available  
**or**  CSC 396 Programming in Java I and II  
IT 215 Analysis and Design Techniques  Self Placement Test Available  
ECT 310 Internet Application Development  

CSC 224 is equivalent to both CSC 211 and CSC 212. Only students with experience in programming languages should take CSC 224. By taking these courses and receiving a grade of a B- or better in each, the student will have completed the requirements of the Prerequisite Phase. All or part of the Prerequisite Phase may be waived if a student has the equivalent academic background. Alternatively, students with practical experience may complete a Graduate Assessment Examination (GAE) to show competency in a prerequisite. All students are blocked from enrolling in Foundation Knowledge Phase courses prior to completing their prerequisites. The student must submit an online Change of Status request when the Prerequisite Phase is completed to inform the Student Services offices that the block can be removed. The online request must be submitted two weeks before the student intends to register for graduate level classes. The student will then be considered a fully admitted student, and may pass to the Graduate Phase of the program. Students may submit the Change of Status request by logging in to MyCDM.

College of Computing and Digital Media - Graduate Studies ▶ School of Computing (SoC) ▶ Master of Science in Information Systems ▶ Foundation Phase

**Foundation Phase**

Fully admitted students in the Foundation Knowledge phase may register for a maximum of four Advanced phase courses. The Foundation Knowledge phase courses for the MS in Information Systems are:

IS 425  Enterprise Information  
CSC 451 Database Design  
ECT 425 Technical Fundamentals of Distributed Information Systems  
SE 430  Object Oriented Modeling  
**or**  IS 435 Organizational Modeling  

*Students pursuing a degree with a technical focus are encouraged to take SE 430.

College of Computing and Digital Media - Graduate Studies ▶ School of Computing (SoC) ▶ Master of Science in Information Systems ▶ Advanced Phase

**Advanced Phase**

Advanced Phase (8 elective courses, at least three are 500-level courses)  
The advanced phase is designed to meet a students career goals in Information Systems. With numerous predefined competency modules, a student can gain expertise in more than one area. There are two choices open to a student:
The student may attain two or more competencies, by taking at least four courses listed under each competency module. Because some courses, such as IS 556 (enterprise project management), are shared by several modules, it is possible to attain more than two competencies. A student should pick competencies based on their career goals and preferences. For example, a student can pick Application Development and Project Management I for a career as project manager, can pick Project Management I and Project Management II for a Project Management Office executive, or can pick E-Business Systems and Enterprise Systems Integration for a career as a web enterprise systems integrator.

If a competency does not exist that meets a students career plans, a student can also design a personal breadth competency consisting of a maximum of 8 courses with advisor approval.

**Information Systems Modules**

*IT Management Oriented [mn]*
- mn1. IT Project Management I
- mn2. IT Project Management II
- mn3. IT Planning and Global Strategies
- mn4. Legal & Social Issues
- mn5. IT Regulatory Compliance

*Internet Oriented [in]*
- in1. Internet Application Development
- in2. Wireless/Mobile Applications

*Design/Development Oriented [dd]*
- dd1. Application Development
- dd2. Software Engineering
- dd3. e-Business Systems
- dd4. HCI Methods
- dd5. Enterprise Systems Integration

*Data Oriented [do]*
- do1. Database Design I
- do2. Database Design II
- do3. Data Mining & Analytics
- do4. Knowledge Management

*Infrastructure Oriented [if]*
- if1. Network Design
- if2. Information Assurance & Security Design
- if3. IT Architecture Design

*IT Management Oriented [mn]*

**mn1. IT Project Management I**
- IS 483 Information Services and Operations
- IS 440 Collaborative Technologies for Leading Projects
- IS 535 Information Technology Investment Financial Analysis
- IS 556 Enterprise Project Management
- IS 560 Enterprise Systems
- IS 570 Enterprise System Implementation.
- SE 433 Software Testing
- SE 468 Software Measurement/Project Estimation
- IS 430 Fundamentals of IT Project Management
- or SE 477 Software and Systems Project Management
- ACC 500 Financial Accounting  Kellstadt Graduate School of Business
- MGT 500 Managing Effective and Ethical Organizational Behavior  Kellstadt Graduate School of Business

**mn2. IT Project Management II**
ECT 556 Enterprise Architecture and Design
ECT 559 E-Commerce Technology Capstone
IS 511 Social Issues of Computing
IS 533 Enterprise Security Infrastructure Controls and Regulatory Compliance
IS 556 Enterprise Project Management
IS 565 IT Outsourcing
IS 578 Information Technology Consulting
SE 529 Software Risk Management
MGT 562 Resolving Conflict in Organizations  Kellstadt Graduate School of Business
MGT 563 Negotiation Skills  Kellstadt Graduate School of Business

**mn3. IT Planning and Global Strategies**

ECT 556 Enterprise Architecture and Design
ECT 565 Mobile Enterprise
ECT 559 E-Commerce Technology Capstone
IS 483 Information Services and Operations
IS 440 Collaborative Technologies for Leading Projects
IS 535 Information Technology Investment Financial Analysis
IS 540 Global Information Technology
IS 560 Enterprise Systems
IS 577 Information Systems Capstone
IT 599 Topics in Global Information Technology
ACC 500 Financial Accounting  Kellstadt Graduate School of Business
MGT 501 Strategic Supply Chain Management  Kellstadt Graduate School of Business

**mn4. Legal & Social Issues**

ECT 585 Legal Aspects of E-Commerce
IS 433 Information Security Management
IS 482 Legal Aspects of Information Technology
IS 511 Social Issues of Computing
IS 565 IT Outsourcing
IS 570 Enterprise System Implementation.
IT 599 Topics in Global Information Technology
TDC 569 Telecommunication Regulation, Policy, law and Standards

**mn5. IT Regulatory Compliance**

CNS 477 Legal Issues in Information Assurance
IS 433 Information Security Management
IS 505 Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery
IS 533 Enterprise Security Infrastructure Controls and Regulatory Compliance
IS 535 Information Technology Investment Financial Analysis
IS 556 Enterprise Project Management
IS 560 Enterprise Systems

*Internet Oriented [in]*

**in1. Internet Application Development**

ECT 455 E-Commerce Web Site Engineering
ECT 556 Enterprise Architecture and Design
ECT 557 Peer-To-peer Technology
ECT 583 Advanced Scripting Technologies
ECT 588 E-Marketplace Technology
HCI 440 Usability Engineering
IS 556 Enterprise Project Management
SE 560 Structured Document Interchange and Processing
in2. Wireless/Mobile Applications

ECT 455 E-Commerce Web Site Engineering
ECT 565 Mobile Enterprise
ECT 587 Mobile Commerce Technology
HCI 440 Usability Engineering
HCI 530 Usability Issues for Handheld Devices
SE 540 Software Development for Mobile and Wireless Systems

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*Design/Development Oriented* [dd]

**dd1. Application Development**

ECT 455 E-Commerce Web Site Engineering
ECT 557 Peer-To-peer Technology
ECT 565 Mobile Enterprise
ECT 583 Advanced Scripting Technologies
ECT 587 Mobile Commerce Technology
HCI 440 Usability Engineering
IS 565 IT Outsourcing
IS 570 Enterprise System Implementation.
SE 433 Software Testing
SE 470 Software Development Processes
SE 482 Requirements Engineering
SE 560 Structured Document Interchange and Processing

**dd2. Software Engineering**

ECT 556 Enterprise Architecture and Design
IS 556 Enterprise Project Management
SE 425 Principles and Practices of Software Engineering
SE 450 Object-Oriented Software Development
SE 452 Object-Oriented Enterprise Computing
SE 470 Software Development Processes
SE 480 Software Architecture
SE 482 Requirements Engineering
SE 529 Software Risk Management
SE 550 Distributed Software Development

**dd3. e-Business Systems**

ECT 455 E-Commerce Web Site Engineering
ECT 480 Intranets and Portals
ECT 481 Internet Supply Chain Management
ECT 557 Peer-To-peer Technology
ECT 582 Secure Electronic Commerce
ECT 583 Advanced Scripting Technologies
ECT 587 Mobile Commerce Technology
ECT 589 E-Commerce Technology Capstone
IS 535 Information Technology Investment Financial Analysis
IS 556 Enterprise Project Management
IS 560 Enterprise Systems
IS 565 IT Outsourcing
IS 570 Enterprise System Implementation.
MGT 501 Strategic Supply Chain Management Kellstadt Graduate School of Business
MKT 555 Decisions in Marketing Management Kellstadt Graduate School of Business

**dd4. HCI Methods**

ECT 557 Peer-To-peer Technology
ECT 587 Mobile Commerce Technology
ECT 587 Mobile Commerce Technology  
HCI 430 Prototyping and Implementation  
HCI 440 Usability Engineering  
HCI 445 Inquiry Methods and Use Analysis  
HCI 450 Foundations of Human-Computer Interaction  
HCI 454 Interaction Design  
HCI 460 Usability Evaluation Methods  
IS 421 Information Systems Analysis  

dd5. Enterprise Systems Integration  
ECT 480 Intranets and Portals  
ECT 481 Internet Supply Chain Management  
ECT 556 Enterprise Architecture and Design  
ECT 565 Mobile Enterprise  
ECT 584 Web Data Mining for Business Intelligence  
ECT 586 Customer Relationship Management Technologies  
IS 535 Information Technology Investment Financial Analysis  
IS 549 Data Warehousing and Data Mining  
IS 556 Enterprise Project Management  
IS 560 Enterprise Systems  
MGT 501 Strategic Supply Chain Management  Kellstadt Graduate School of Business  

Data Oriented [do]  

do1. Database Design I  
CSC 451 Database Design  
CSC 452 Database Programming  
CSC 453 Database Technologies  
CSC 454 Database Administration and Management  
IS 549 Data Warehousing and Data Mining  

do2. Database Design II  
CSC 543 Spatial Databases and Geographic Information Systems  
CSC 549 Database System Implementation  
CSC 550 Object-Oriented Databases  
CSC 551 Distributed Database Systems  
CSC 553 Advanced Database Concepts  
IS 549 Data Warehousing and Data Mining  

do3. Data Mining & Analytics  
CSC 423 Data Analysis and Regression  
ECT 480 Intranets and Portals  
ECT 584 Web Data Mining for Business Intelligence  
ECT 586 Customer Relationship Management Technologies  
IS 549 Data Warehousing and Data Mining  
IS 567 Knowledge Discovery Technologies  
IS 574 Decision Support Systems and Intelligent Systems  
MKT 555 Decisions in Marketing Management  Kellstadt Graduate School of Business  

do4. Knowledge Management  
CSC 480 Foundations of Artificial Intelligence  
ECT 480 Intranets and Portals  
IS 456 Knowledge Management Systems  
IS 440 Collaborative Technologies for Leading Projects  
IS 574 Decision Support Systems and Intelligent Systems  
IS 575 Intelligent Information Retrieval  

MKT 555 Decisions in Marketing Management  Kellstadt Graduate School of Business
Infrastructure Oriented [if]

**if1. Network Design**

ECT 557 Peer-To-peer Technology  
ECT 587 Mobile Commerce Technology  
TDC 460 Foundations of Communications Systems  
TDC 463 Computer Networks and Data Systems  
TDC 511 Telecommunications Practicum  
TDC 564 Local Area Networks  
TDC 567 Telecommunication Systems Design and Management

**if2. Information Assurance & Security Design**

CNS 477 Legal Issues in Information Assurance  
CNS 594 Computer Information and Network Security Capstone  
ECT 582 Secure Electronic Commerce  
IS 433 Information Security Management  
IS 505 Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery  
IS 511 Social Issues of Computing  
IS 533 Enterprise Security Infrastructure Controls and Regulatory Compliance  
SE 473 Security Architecture I  
SE 529 Software Risk Management  
TDC 477 Network Security  
TDC 463 Computer Networks and Data Systems

**if3. IT Architecture Design**

CSC 551 Distributed Database Systems  
ECT 556 Enterprise Architecture and Design  
ECT 565 Mobile Enterprise  
IS 535 Information Technology Investment Financial Analysis  
IS 556 Enterprise Project Management  
SE 435 Distributed Systems I  
SE 450 Object-Oriented Software Development  
SE 473 Security Architecture I  
SE 480 Software Architecture  
SE 536 Distributed Systems II  
SE 554 Enterprise Component Architecture  
TDC 463 Computer Networks and Data Systems  
TDC 567 Telecommunication Systems Design and Management

**Advanced Elective Restrictions**

Elective courses are in the range of 420-699 and must be from the College of CDM. Credit for courses taken outside of the school will only be given if approved by a faculty advisor. Courses suggested for any Prerequisite Phase in any concentration do not count for elective credit. Any course required for the students concentration but taken as part of the requirements of another degree earned by the student may be used to satisfy a competency, but cannot be used to satisfy the 8 elective course requirement.
Master of Arts in Information Technology

About

The Master of Arts in Information Technology Program is intended to prepare professionals in the broad field of Information Technology. In particular, the program prepares graduates to interact professionally with technologists, write about IT, manage impacts of IT on organizations or society, or evaluate IT-oriented data.

The goal of the MA in Information Technology program is to prepare someone in a non-technical position to interact effectively with the technical staff and customers.

What Students Learn From The Program

- The concepts, tools, and practices of information technology management.
- The analysis phase of the software development life cycle.
- The fundamentals of networks for voice and data communications and for the integration of voice and data streams,
- The methods and problems associated with technology-triggered business transformation.
- The basics of database design.
- The fundamentals of project management for software systems.
- The skills to acquire and analyze data.

Prerequisite Phase

Foundation Phase

Advanced Phase

Culminating Phase

Grade and GPA Requirement

Grades: Students must receive a grade of B- or better in each prerequisite course and a C- or better in all other courses.

GPA: Students must maintain a graduate level GPA of 2.50 or higher while pursuing their degree. Students will not be approved for graduation with less than a 2.50 GPA. Students with a GPA of 3.90 will graduate with distinction.
Prerequisite Phase

The courses in the Prerequisite Phase for the MA in Information Technology are:

IT 130 The Internet and the Web  Self Placement Test Available
IT 223 Data Analysis
IT 230 Building Internet Applications
TDC 361 Basic Communication Systems

By taking these courses and receiving a grade of a B- or better in each, the student will have completed the requirements of the Prerequisite Phase. All or part of the Prerequisite Phase may be waived if a student has the equivalent academic background. Alternatively, students with practical experience may complete a Graduate Assessment Examination (GAE) to show competency in a prerequisite. All students are blocked from enrolling in Foundation Phase courses prior to completing their prerequisites. The student must submit a Change of Status request when the Prerequisite Phase is completed to inform the Student Services offices that the block can be removed. The form must be submitted two weeks before the student intends to register for graduate level classes. The student will then be considered a fully admitted student, and may pass to the Foundation Phase of the program. Students may submit the Change of Status request by logging in to MyCDM.

Foundation Phase

Fully admitted students in the Foundation Phase may register for a maximum of four Advanced phase courses. The Foundation Phase courses for the MA in Information Technology are:

CSC 423 Data Analysis and Regression
HCI 445 Inquiry Methods and Use Analysis
HCI 440 Usability Engineering
CSC 451 Database Design
IS 511 Social Issues of Computing
IS 556 Enterprise Project Management
ECT 455 E-Commerce Web Site Engineering

Advanced Phase

The advanced phase provides opportunities for breadth and depth in IT, and allows for
specialized interests through five elective courses for which you have required prerequisites. Listed below are suggested courses. Two of the five elective courses must be taken at the 500 level.

CSC 424 Advanced Data Analysis
CSC 428 Data Analysis for Experimenters
CSC 449 Database Technologies
ECT 480 Intranets and Portals
ECT 556 Enterprise Architecture and Design
ECT 565 Mobile Enterprise
ECT 585 Legal Aspects of E-Commerce
ECT 586 Customer Relationship Management Technologies
ECT 589 E-Commerce Technology Capstone
HCI 450 Foundations of Human-Computer Interaction
HCI 454 Interaction Design
HCI 460 Usability Evaluation Methods
IPD 499 Topics in Global Information Technology
IS 425 Enterprise Information
IS 570 Enterprise System Implementation
IS 456 Knowledge Management Systems
IS 482 Legal Aspects of Information Technology
IS 483 Information Services and Operations
IS 505 Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery
IS 512 Collaborative Technologies for Leading Projects
IS 540 Global Information Technology
IS 560 Enterprise Systems
IS 433 Information Security Management
IS 577 Information Systems Capstone
IS 578 Information Technology Consulting
IS 596 Topics in Information Systems
ITS 560 Training and User Support
SE 430 Object Oriented Modeling
SE 477 Software and Systems Project Management
TDC 463 Computer Networks and Data Systems
TDC 464 Voice Communication Networks
TDC 476 Economics of Telecommunication Systems
TDC 511 Telecommunications Practicum
TDC 569 Telecommunication Regulation, Policy, law and Standards

**Culminating Thesis**

The Culminating Thesis is an independent research article that demonstrates a student's ability to integrate both technical expertise and IT domain knowledge. Normally, it is undertaken during the student's final year in the MA program.

In this work, the student is guided and assessed by a Thesis supervisor. The thesis must represent an original contribution, and may include system evaluation, empirical studies, or theoretical work. The scope and the details of the research project will be determined by the supervisor, and must be approved by the student's academic advisor.

IT 698 Masters Thesis is a two-credit hour course. Students must register for this course a minimum of two times and must continue to enroll in the course in every quarter after the first quarter until the thesis is completed to the satisfaction of their supervisor. A maximum of four credit hours will apply for degree credit.
Master of Science in Instructional Technology Systems

About

The Master of Science degree in Instructional Technology Systems prepares students to use modern technology to develop, deliver, and assess training and educational material.

Graduates will be well-positioned to lead the growing market in web-delivered, global training and education. The program starts by giving students a firm foundation in current learning science, focusing on the proven principles for using technology in learning environments. The other leg of the program focuses on using technology to create and disseminate learning materials, for example, with multimedia, animations, simulations, and games. On top of this foundation, students will get an in-depth understanding of the use and customization of Learning Management Systems, and how to design content for them that can effectively train and educate the users.

What Students Learn From The Program

- The current science of how people learn, focusing on principles for learning with technology.
- The ability to design and implement materials for learning with technology, including multimedia (audio, graphics, video), simulations, and games.
- The ability to use and customize Learning Management Systems for effective delivery of training / educational materials.
- The ability to work with online collaborative environments like Social Networks, Blogs/discussion boards, Wikis, etc, for effective training.

Program Information

The program has four phases, with each phase preparing the student for the subsequent phase. The masters degree program consists of:

- Prerequisite Courses
- Required Courses
- Elective Courses
- Capstone Course

Grade and GPA requirements

Prerequisite Courses

Required Courses

Elective Courses

Capstone Course
Technology Systems

Grade and GPA requirements

**Grades**: Students must receive a grade of B- or better in each prerequisite course and a C- or better in all other courses.

**GPA**: Students must maintain a graduate level GPA of 2.50 or higher while pursuing their degree. Students will not be approved for graduation with less than a 2.50 GPA. Students with a GPA of 3.90 will graduate with distinction.

Prerequisite Courses

The courses in the Prerequisite Phase for the MS in Instructional Technology Systems are:

- IT 223 Data Analysis [Self Placement Test Available]
- IM 220 Interactive Media I
- IM 230 Scripting for Interactive Media
- IM 270 User-Centered Web Design

By taking these courses and receiving a grade of a B- or better in each, the student will have completed the requirements of the Prerequisite Phase. All or part of the Prerequisite Phase may be waived if a student has the equivalent academic background. Alternatively, students with practical experience may complete a Graduate Assessment Examination (GAE) to show competency in a prerequisite. All students are blocked from enrolling in the graduate phase of the degree prior to completing their prerequisites. The student must submit an online Change of Status request when the Prerequisite Phase is completed to inform the Student Services offices that the block can be removed. The online request must be submitted two weeks before the student intends to register for graduate level classes. The student will then be considered a fully admitted student, and may pass to the Graduate Phase of the program. Students may submit the Change of Status request by logging in to MyCDM.

Required Courses

Students should complete their Prerequisite courses before beginning the Required courses. However, while completing the Prerequisite courses, students may take Required courses with consent of their faculty advisor. The Required courses for the MS in Instructional Technology Systems are:

- HCI 430 Prototyping and Implementation
- HCI 440 Usability Engineering
- PM 440 Collaborative Technology for Leading Projects
- ITS 427 Learning and Technology
- ITS 431 Instructional Delivery and Course Management Systems
- ITS 560 Training and User Support
Elective Courses

Four (4) courses from the list, plus two (2) open electives from CTI courses numbered 420-599

CNS 477 Legal Issues in Information Assurance
CSC 423 Data Analysis and Regression
CSC 424 Advanced Data Analysis
CSC 428 Data Analysis for Experimenters
CSC 451 Database Design
CSC 587 Cognitive Science
ECT 433 Survey of Web Programming Technologies
HCI 422 Multimedia
HCI 450 Foundations of Human-Computer Interaction
IS 433 Information Security Management
IS 456 Knowledge Management Systems
IS 511 Social Issues of Computing
IS 570 Enterprise System Implementation.
IS 511 Social Issues of Computing
ITS 440 Distance Learning Technologies
ITS 584 Artificial Intelligence in Learning Environments
PM 430 Fundamentals of IT Project Management
PSY 404 Learning and Cognitive Processes
PSY 445 Advanced Training and Development in Organizations
SNL 616 Designing Educational Offerings
SNL 617 Facilitating Adults Learning
SNL 626 Assessing Learning and Evaluating Programs
SNL 700 Learning Plan Research and Development

Capstone Course

ITS 589 ITS Capstone Projects Course

Master of Science in IT Project Management

About

The Master of Science in IT Project Management is for working professionals who have either a
technology undergraduate degree or two years of IT work experience and wish to advance their careers by filling the growing need for IT project managers.

The MS in IT Project Management is intended for graduate students who wish to prepare for careers leading and managing IT project teams. The lack of project and program management skills has long been known to be a major factor in IT project failures.

Over the past decade, it has become apparent that placing individuals with strong training in the breadth of project management skills significantly improves the likelihood of bringing an IT project in successfully on time, and on budget.

This growing awareness is leading to increased demand for skilled IT project and program managers. But demand for these skills currently outstrips the supply of qualified candidates.

This is a high-level program preparing graduates for mid to high level project and program management positions. Core IT skills are assumed. Students focus on leveraging those skills to build leadership practices that enable quality work.

What Students Learn From The Program

- In-depth knowledge of project management skills, including risk management, procurement and contract management, time and cost estimating, controlling and tracking techniques (scope statements, work breakdown structures, Gantt, PERT, etc.); and IT testing, quality assurance, and control.
- Familiarity with those elements of human resource management that are key to project management success, such as team building, motivating, communicating through traditional and electronic means, negotiating and influencing, coordinating, and managing organizational change.
- Basic general knowledge of business systems and processes, including knowledge of introductory accounting and the basics of cost accounting as applied in IT project management.
- Ability to effectively use common project management software packages.
- Familiarity with program management and the skills to mitigate risk across a portfolio of projects.

Program Information

Unlike other CDM graduate programs that admit students regardless of technical background, the MS in IT Project Management is designed for students who possess a Bachelor’s degree or significant work experience in an IT related area. Examples of such areas include (but are not limited to) CIS, IS, MIS, ECE, Networking. Students whose undergraduate degree is in an unrelated area will be required to produce evidence of at least two years of responsible work experience as a computer programmer, systems analyst, business analyst, or similar position where the workload is primarily centered on Information Technology and the student had significant exposure to the system development process.

This requirement for an IT undergraduate degree or prior work experience is unique among CDM Masters degrees, and is based in the fact that IT professionals are expected to have knowledge in the IT field before moving into project management positions.

- Foundation courses (24 quarter hours)
- Electives (24 quarter hours)
- Capstone course (4 quarter hours)

Grade and GPA Requirements

Elective Courses

Capstone Course
Grade and GPA Requirements

Grades: Students must receive a grade of C- or better all other courses.

GPA: Students must maintain a graduate level GPA of 2.50 or higher while pursuing their degree. Students will not be approved for graduation with less than a 2.50 GPA. Students with a GPA of 3.90 or higher will graduate with distinction.

Foundation Courses

Six Required Courses

IS/PM 430 Fundamentals of IT Project Management  
IS/PM 440 Collaborative Technologies for Leading Projects  
IS/PM 535 Information Technology Investment Financial Analysis  
IS/PM 556 Enterprise Project Management  
IS/PM 570 Enterprise System Implementation  
MGT 500 Managing Effective and Ethical Organizational Behavior

An IS/PM course subject means that IS XXX is cross-listed with PM XXX

Elective Courses

Twenty-four quarter hours are required from the following list, with a minimum of twelve of these quarter hours taken from CDM. These electives cover a broad range of technical, managerial, and information systems topics. Students should work closely with their advisor to identify and select courses most directly associated with their career plans.

CDM Electives (all 4 quarter hours)

IS 433 Information Security Management  
IS 456 Knowledge Management Systems  
IS 483 Information Technology Operations and Services  
IS 505 Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery  
IS 533 Enterprise Security Infrastructure Controls and Regulatory Compliance  
IS 540 Global Information Technology  
IS 560 Enterprise Systems  
IS 565 Information Technology Outsourcing  
IS 578 Information Technology Consulting  
SE 425 Principles and Practices of Software Engineering*  
SE 427 Software Quality Management  
SE 430 Object Oriented Modeling*
SE 430 Object Oriented Modeling
SE 468 Software Measurement/Project Estimation
SE 482 Requirements Engineering
SE 529 Software Risk Management

Note: Courses marked with an * are the more technical electives, and require two courses of object oriented coding, or consent of the instructor.

Kellstadt Electives (all 4 quarter hours)

ACC 500 Financial Accounting
ACC 555 Management Accounting for Decision-Making
MGT 500 Managing Effective and Ethical Organizational Behavior
MGT 530 Leadership in Organizations
MGT 555 Strategic Management of Human Resources
MGT 562 Resolving Conflict in Organizations
MGT 563 Negotiation Skills
MGT 565 Employment Law

SNL Electives (3 quarter hours)

SNL 745 Improving Team Effectiveness
SNL 755 Valuing Human Differences
SNL 765 Engaging Ethical Reasoning

SNL Special Topics Seminars (1 quarter hour)

SNL 598 Special Topics

These seminars meet each quarter. Current and relevant topics are explored. Examples of recent Special Topics seminars include: Knowledge Management, After-Action Reviews, National Security and the "Database Problem," E-commerce: Back to Basics, Reflective Practice, The Technology Behind Everyday Interactions, and Innovative Processes.

Capstone Course

Capstone (4 quarter hours)

PM 577 Project Management Practicum Capstone

Master of Science in Software Engineering
The Master of Science in Software Engineering provides students with skills that are widely applicable, highly in demand and richly rewarded.

The MS in Software Engineering at DePaul CDM provides students with the theoretical foundations of software engineering, a discipline concerned with the practical problems of developing large-scale software systems.

Students gain experience and exposure to the most recent developments in software engineering through team projects in software development and project management. The Software Engineering curriculum encompasses all important aspects of software engineering, including:

- software engineering processes
- requirements engineering
- software architecture and design
- software construction, software testing
- software maintenance
- software configuration management
- software project management
- software quality assurance

The Software Engineering program provides students with highly marketable skills and knowledge in state-of-the-art software engineering methodologies, techniques, and applications. It also emphasizes the development of communication and presentation skills in a team-based software development environment.

Concentrations

The Project Management Concentration addresses the management of the quality of software products and processes and provides coursework in management and measurement techniques.

The Software Development Concentration addresses the foundations, methodologies, and tools for developing high quality large-scale software systems, with an emphasis on the technical issues of software development.

The Software Architecture Concentration addresses the management and design of large-scale software systems.

The Systems Analysis Concentration addresses requirements engineering and quality assurance of large-scale or enterprise-level software systems solutions.

The Gaming and Entertainment Technologies Concentration addresses the foundations, methodologies

What Students Learn From The Program

- Technical foundations in object-oriented analysis, modeling, architecture, design, and construction
- Communication skills and experiences in collaborative and team-based software development
- Knowledge and skills in software project management, configuration management, and quality assurance
- Knowledge in software development process improvement and experience in agile and iterative software development process
- Technical know-how in developing, integrating, and deploying web-based enterprise applications and service oriented architecture (SOA)

Program Information

The Software Engineering program has two phases:
Prerequisite Phase
Graduate Phase

The Prerequisite Phase ensures that all students acquire the necessary background prior to
enrolling in graduate courses. All or part of the Prerequisite Phase may be waived if a student has the equivalent academic background. In the Graduate Phase, students develop as software engineering professionals by completing required courses that provide a common body of knowledge for their concentration as well as advanced courses that complement and add depth to the common body of knowledge. All students also participate in an extensive team software development project and the Software Engineering Research Seminar. Individual needs are addressed through elective courses chosen in consultation with a faculty advisor.

Grade and GPA requirements

Prerequisite Phase

Graduate Phase

Grade and GPA Requirements

Grade and GPA requirements

Students in this degree program must complete 13 courses (52 hours) beyond the Prerequisite Phase. Successful completion of the Software Engineering Program consists of:

- Students must receive a grade of B- or better in each prerequisite course and a C- or better in all other courses.
- Students must maintain a graduate level GPA of 2.50 or higher while pursuing their degree.
- Students will not be approved for graduation with less than a 2.50 GPA.
- Students with a GPA of 3.9 or higher will graduate with distinction.

Prerequisite Phase

Prerequisite Phase for Project Management, Software Development, Software Architecture and System Analysis

CSC 211 Programming in Java I Self Placement Test Available
CSC 212 Programming in Java II
or CSC 224 Java for Programmers Self Placement Test Available
or CSC 396 Programming in Java I and II
CSC 373 Computer Systems I
CSC 374 Computer Systems II
CSC 383 Data Structures and Algorithms in Java

Prerequisite Phase for Gaming and Entertainment Technologies

GAM 224 Introduction to Game Design
CSC 211 Programming in Java I
and CSC 212 Programming in Java II
or CSC 224 Java for Programmers
or CSC 396 Programming in Java I and II
CSC 373 Computer Systems I
CSC 374 Computer Systems II
CSC 383 Data Structures and Algorithms in Java
or CSC 393 Data Structures in C++

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**Graduate Phase**

Students may register for graduate courses only after meeting all Prerequisite Phase requirements. The graduate phase consists of the following components:

- Foundation Phase
- Advanced Phase
- Elective Phase
- Software Engineering Studio or Capstone phase

**Foundation Phase - All Concentrations**

SE 425 Principles and Practices of Software Engineering
SE 430 Object Oriented Modeling
SE 450 Object-Oriented Software Development

**Advanced Phase**

**Software Development Concentration**

Required

SE 477 Software and Systems Project Management
SE 433 Software Testing
SE 435 Distributed Systems I

**Project Management Concentration**

Required

SE 477 Software and Systems Project Management
SE 468 Software Measurement/Project Estimation
SE 470 Software Development Processes

**Software Architecture Concentration**

Required

SE 477 Software and Systems Project Management
SE 480 Software Architecture
SE 435 Distributed Systems I

**System Analysis Concentration**

Required

SE 477 Software and Systems Project Management
SE 482 Requirements Engineering
SE 433 Software Testing

**Gaming and Entertainment Technologies Concentration**

**Required**

SE 456 Architecture of Computer Games
HCI 440 Usability Engineering
GPH 425 Survey of Computer Graphics
SE 556 Advanced Architecture of Computer Games

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**Elective Phase - Software Engineering Electives**

Four courses from any of the following:

**Software Development**

SE 433 Software Testing
SE 480 Software Architecture
SE 533 Software Validation and Verification
SE 540 Software Development for Mobile and Wireless Systems
SE 542 Software Development for Limited and Embedded Devices
SE 549 Model-Driven Software Development

**Enterprise Computing**

SE 452 Object-Oriented Enterprise Computing
SE 554 Enterprise Component Architecture
SE 453 Architecture and Frameworks for Developing Client Applications
SE 457 Service-Oriented Architecture
SE 560 Structured Document Interchange and Processing

**Computer Security**

SE 473 Security Architecture I
SE 573 Security Architecture II
CNS 450 Computer Forensics

**Distributed Systems**

SE 435 Distributed Systems I
SE 536 Distributed Systems II
SE 552 Concurrent Software Development
TDC 573 Multimedia Networking
CSC 438 Framework for Web Application Development

**Project Management**

SE 468 Software Measurement/Project Estimation
SE 477 Software and Systems Project Management
IS 556 Enterprise Project Management
IS 535 Information Technology Investment Financial Analysis
IS 533 Enterprise Security Infrastructure Controls and Regulatory Compliance
IS 565 IT Outsourcing
IS 560 Enterprise Systems

**Requirements Engineering**

SE 470 Software Development Processes
SE 482 Requirements Engineering
HCI 440 Usability Engineering
SE 433 Software Testing

User Interface Engineering
HCl 440 Usability Engineering
SE 453 Architecture and Frameworks for Developing Client Applications
SE 540 Software Development for Mobile and Wireless Systems
SE 546 Software Architecture and Design for Desktop Applications

Bio-Informatics
CSC 421 Applied Algorithms and Structures
CSC 531 Introduction to Bioinformatics
CSC 541 Introduction to Proteomics

Programming Languages & Compiler
CSC 447 Concepts of Programming Languages
CSC 448 Compiler Design
CSC 548 Advanced Compiler Design
CSC 535 Formal Semantics of Programming Languages

System Engineering
SE 540 Software Development for Mobile and Wireless Systems
SE 542 Software Development for Limited and Embedded Devices
SE 546 Software Architecture and Design for Desktop Applications
CSC 443 Introduction to Operating Systems
CSC 546 Operating Systems Design
CSC 559 Software Project: Developing Financial Engines

Gaming and Entertainment Technology
SE 456 Architecture of Computer Games
SE 556 Advanced Architecture of Computer Games
SE 558 Architecture and Design for Multiplayer Games
GAM 476 Artificial Intelligence for Computer Games
GPH 425 Survey of Computer Graphics

Artificial Intelligence
CSC 480 Foundations of Artificial Intelligence
CSC 578 Neural Networks and Machine Learning

Software Engineering Research
Students taking the research option must take the following course:

SE 690 Research Seminar

Student must also complete one of the following:

SE 696 Master's Project
SE 698 Master's Thesis

SE 698 Masters Thesis is a two-credit hour course. Students must register for this course a minimum of two times and must continue to enroll in the course in every quarter after the first quarter until the thesis is completed to the satisfaction of their advisor. A maximum of four credit hours will apply for degree credit.

The Master's project or thesis must represent an original contribution to the area, and may include system development, empirical studies, or theoretical work. The scope and the details of the research project will be determined by the research supervisor, and must be approved by the student's academic advisor.
Elective Phase  CDM Electives

One elective course in the range of 420-699, must be from the College of CDM. Credit for courses taken outside of the school will only be given if approved by a faculty advisor. Courses suggested for any Prerequisite Phase in any concentration do not count for elective credit. Any course required for the students concentration but taken as part of the requirements of another degree earned by the student may be waived, but cannot be used for elective credit.

Elective Course Restrictions

Elective courses are in the range of 420-699, and must be from the College of CDM. Credit for courses taken outside of the school will only be given if approved by a faculty advisor. Courses suggested for any Prerequisite Phase in any concentration do not count for elective credit. Any course required for the student's concentration but taken as part of the requirements of another degree earned by the student may be waived, but cannot be used for elective credit.

Software Engineering Studio or Capstone Phase

Students in all concentrations are required to complete the following:

Students in the Software Development, Project Management, Software Architecture and Systems Analysis concentrations are required to complete the following:

SE 491 Software Engineering Studio
SE 591 Software Engineering Studio II

These two courses must be taken as a sequence in consecutive quarters. Students will be working on a large, real project in a team. The project will be carried out from conceptualization to completion using the current technologies.

Students in the Gaming and Entertainment Technology concentration are required to complete

One of the following:

GAM 594 Gaming and Entertainment Technology Capstone
SE 491 Software Engineering Studio

Grade and GPA Requirements

Master of Science in Telecommunications Systems

About
Nearly every industry depends on networks. The degree in Telecommunications Systems trains professionals who meet current industry demands for innovative network designs, and the development of new network applications and services for business enterprises and the network providers that serve them.

The Master of Science in Telecommunications Systems offers theoretical and applied study of the design, configuration and management of converged communication networks. Students completing this degree program have a thorough understanding of the technical and operational aspects of networks as well as the foundational theory of voice/data communications and network management.

After completing a common set of foundation courses, students can specialize in a variety of technical areas including network protocols, analysis, management, and security on both wired and wireless network infrastructures.

Through a combined emphasis on both theory and hands-on laboratory experiences, students gain expertise in a variety of specialized networking technologies, including the Internet, private network, and local area network arenas. Students can gain experience with network devices and servers in lab facilities focused on enterprise network, security, and multimedia network services.

What Students Learn From The Program

- A solid foundation in network design and operations
- A thorough understanding of security issues on both wired and wireless networks
- A comparative analysis of current carrier network service offerings, with an understanding of the service level vs. pricing tradeoffs inherent in each service.
- A detailed understanding of the function, operations and management of network infrastructure components, including routers, switches, access points, and servers.
- A strategic view of future networking trends in the Internet, wireless, security and local network services arenas.

Program Information

The program follows a three-phase sequence, with each phase preparing the student for the subsequent phase. The masters degree program consists of:

**Prerequisite Phase**
**Foundation Phase**
**Advanced Phase**

Upon acceptance into the master's degree program, the student will meet with their faculty advisor to discuss required courses for the Prerequisite Phase. The Prerequisite Phase is intended to ensure that all students enter graduate courses with an equivalent background. While completing this phase, a student is considered a conditionally admitted master's student. In the Foundation phase, a student will follow a sequence of courses to acquire an understanding of the technological and theoretical foundations for the particular degree. In the Advanced Phase of the program, the fundamental information learned previously allows a student to study advanced topics within their chosen degree. This phase adds depth to the work completed in the Foundation Phase. Individual interests and needs are also addressed through a series of elective courses chosen in consultation with the student's faculty advisor.

Grade and GPA Requirements

**Prerequisite Phase**

**Foundation Phase**

**Advanced Phase**

**Elective Course Restrictions**
Grade and GPA Requirements

Grades: Students must receive a grade of B- or better in each Prerequisite and Foundation Phase course and a C- or better in all other courses.

GPA: Students must maintain a graduate level GPA of 2.50 or higher while pursuing their degree. Students will not be approved for graduation with less than a 2.50 GPA. Students with a GPA of 3.90 will graduate with distinction.

Prerequisite Phase

CSC 211 Programming in Java I Self Placement Test Available
or CSC 261 Programming Languages I: C/C++
or any more advanced programming course

IT 223 Data Analysis Self Placement Test Available
TDC 311 Computers in Telecommunications Systems
or CSC 373 Computer Systems I
TDC 361 Basic Communication Systems

By taking these courses and receiving a grade of a B- or better in each, the student will have completed the requirements of the Prerequisite Phase. All or part of the Prerequisite Phase may be waived if a student has the equivalent academic background. Alternatively, students with practical experience may complete a Graduate Assessment Examination (GAE) to show competency in a prerequisite. All students are blocked from enrolling in Foundation Phase courses prior to completing their prerequisites. The student must submit an online Change of Status request when the Prerequisite Phase is completed to inform the Student Services offices that the block can be removed. The online request must be submitted two weeks before the student intends to register for graduate level classes. The student will then be considered a fully admitted student, and may pass to the Graduate Phase of the program. Students may submit the Change of Status request by logging in to MyCDM.

Foundation Phase

Fully admitted students in the Foundation phase may register for a maximum of four Advanced phase courses. The Foundation Phase courses for the MS in Telecommunications are:

TDC 460 Foundations of Communications Systems
TDC 460 Foundations of Communications Systems
TDC 463 Computer Networks and Data Systems
TDC 464 Voice Communication Networks

By taking these courses and receiving a grade of a B- or better in each, the student will have completed the requirements of the Foundation Phase. If a student receives a grade below B- but better than or equal to C- for a Foundation Phase course, the student is given an option to take a course-specific core competency exam to pass the failed course. If the student fails the exam, the student must retake the failed course. The student can take an exam only once for each failed course. There is no other core examination in the Foundation Phase.

Advanced Phase

A student must complete 40 credits (10 courses) in the Advanced Phase to earn the MS in Telecommunication Systems. All courses in the Advanced Phase must be completed with a grade of C- or better.

TDC 511 Telecommunications Practicum
TDC 567 Telecommunication Systems Design and Management

- Five TDC courses from the range TDC 430 to TDC 599, where at least three are numbered above 500.
- Students must also complete three open electives.

Elective Course Restrictions

Elective courses are in the range of 420-699 (excluding TDC 425) and must be from the College of CDM. Credit for courses taken outside of the school will only be given if approved by a faculty advisor. Courses suggested for any Prerequisite Phase in any concentration do not count for elective credit. Any course required for the students concentration but taken as part of the requirements of another degree earned by the student may be waived, but cannot be used for elective credit.

Juris Doctorate and Master of Arts

About

The general objective of the joint JD/MA degree program at DePaul University College of Law Center for Intellectual Property Law & Information Technology (CIPLITZ) and its College of
Computing and Digital Media (CDM) is to offer law students the opportunity to acquire technology knowledge that will support them in their work in information technology law, intellectual property law, or patent law. This joint degree accommodates JD students without a technical or scientific background who are interested in intellectual property by offering a depth of knowledge and ability to communicate in technical terms. These tools are invaluable, as future intellectual property lawyers will require at a minimum a general understanding of computer and information systems, given the prominence of cyber- and telecommunications issues in today's legal practice. The JD/MA also accommodates JD students with technical or scientific backgrounds who may be interested in a broad-based exposure to computer or information systems. Where the JD/MS degree offers students an in-depth approach to specific computer science or information systems topics, the JD/MA presents a broader view that will prepare graduates of the joint degree program to interact successfully with clients and experts in computer-related fields.

Characteristics of the program include:

- This joint degree is designed to provide intensive technological training to students with non-technical backgrounds who wish to pursue legal careers focused on high technology.
- Some students may wish to use the JD/MA program as a means to fulfill the technical education requirements for the patent bar exam. Such students will need to consult closely with faculty advisors in both Schools and to contact the USPTO for specific eligibility requirements.
- It is expected that most students who pursue this joint degree will also obtain a Certificate in Intellectual Property: General, Intellectual Property: Patent or Information Technology from the law school.
- This program simultaneously offers a variety of curriculum options encompassing key technological topics along with legal courses which prepare the student for transactional and/or litigation work.

In this program, students will acquire:

- An in-depth understanding of the legal issues that confront present and future technologies.
- An understanding of legal principles and application of those principles to a growing number of legal issues facing technology
- A broad exposure to current IT theory and practices including telecommunication and data communication fundamentals, database, computer and network security, B2C e-commerce technologies, object-oriented concepts, and client server architecture.

Course Requirement Reductions in the Joint Degree Program:

- Joint degree students may substitute up to 8 law semester hours in place of up to 3 CDM masters degree courses, reducing their CDM course requirements to 10 courses plus any necessary prerequisite coursework. Courses to be substituted must be selected from the elective and required courses for the College of Law certificates in Intellectual Property: General, Intellectual Property: Patent and Information Technology. Please see the certificate pages on the College of Law website for lists of qualifying courses.
- Joint degree students may substitute up to 15 CDM credit hours in place of up to 10 of the 86 required law semester hours, reducing their law course requirements to 76 semester hours. Only CDM courses taken after enrollment in the College of Law may be substituted for law courses.
- Joint degree students may not substitute CDM credit hours for required courses in the College of Law, such as the Professional Responsibility and Senior Seminar courses.
- Joint degree students must graduate from both schools on the same date, in the same semester/quarter, and in the same year. Double counting of credit hours occurs only after the student concurrently completes both degree programs. Students should consult with the joint degree advisors regarding any questions about coordinating the completion of the two degrees.

Admission Procedures and Requirements
Admission Procedures and Requirements

Admission to this joint program requires: (1) completion with a 3.0 grade point average or better of the first-year required courses in the JD program at the DePaul University College of Law (part-time students must have completed three semesters) and (2) acceptance to CDM. Students should indicate their interest in the joint degree program when applying to CDM.

Application to the joint degree program should be made to Assistant Dean Diana White at the College of Law after the above requirements have been met. Applicants should submit a letter indicating their intent to apply for the joint degree program along with a copy of their first year (or first three semesters for part-time students) law grades demonstrating compliance with the 3.0 grade point average requirement. Students are encouraged to make an appointment with Dean White to discuss their joint degree applications and plans for pursuing the joint degree.

Application to CDM may be made at any time, but law students will ordinarily find it most advantageous to apply to CDM after receiving first-year law grades (ordinarily in early July following the first year.) Students accepted into the joint JD/MA Program must meet the CDM prerequisite phase course requirements for the MA degree, either through their undergraduate coursework or by adding a prerequisite phase to their joint degree program. Students who need to take prerequisite courses during their pursuit of the joint degree may require more than four years from admission to Law School to complete the Joint Degree. It is highly recommended that law students interested in the joint degree program contact Prof. Danny Mittleman or Prof. Curt White at CDM to discuss their individual circumstances before applying to CDM.

Transfer students or students who have enrolled in CDM before applying to the College of Law should consult with the joint degree program advisors to determine how their special circumstances may affect their qualifications for the joint degree.

Further information about admission requirements and procedures may be found in the general description of Admission Requirements for Joint Degrees found on the College of Law website under Academic Programs.

Financial Considerations:

- Joint degree students will pay on a per-credit-hour basis in both the College of Law and CDM
- Because the joint degree program permits double-counting of coursework, the total cost for the two degrees will be significantly lower under the joint degree program
- Admission to the joint degree program will ordinarily not affect College of Law scholarship awards. However, students should consult with Dean White about their specific scholarships
- Financial aid recipients must consult with Clare Timm at the financial aid office to obtain a revised (often increased) financial aid award based on their participation in the joint degree program
Sample Law School/CDM four-year course plan

The student must complete the regular first year JD program before being admitted to the Joint Degree. The second and third years might consist of three law courses in Fall Semester and two law courses in Spring Semester as well as one CDM course Fall Quarter, two CDM courses Winter Quarter, and two CDM courses Spring Quarter. The fourth year might consist of three law courses Fall Semester, one CDM course Fall Quarter, three CDM courses Winter Quarter, and three CDM courses Spring Quarter. This schedule allows for completion of the JD as well as completion of 14 CDM courses (the MS program plus four prerequisite courses). It is possible that, because of prerequisite coursework, the program may take some students more than four years.

Since each student will require a different number of CDM prerequisites and each student will select courses based on semester/quarter availability, any particular curriculum might be different from the sample curriculum shown. All joint degree students will be encouraged to select courses with the assistance of Joint Degree program advisors at both the Law School and CDM.

Prerequisite Phase
The Prerequisite Phase is intended to insure that all students enter CDM coursework with adequate preparation for successful work. Students may receive waivers for the Prerequisite Phase based on prior experience, previous coursework, or performance on a Graduate Assessment Examination (GAE). The following coursework constitutes the Prerequisite Phase:

- CSC 211 Programming in Java I
- CSC 212 Programming in Java II
- IT 263 Applied Networks and Security

Graduate Phase
The following coursework is required in the Graduate Phase:

- ECT 425 Technical Fundamentals of Distributed Information Systems
- CSC 449 Database Technologies
- ECT 433 Survey of Web Programming Technologies
- ECT 455 E-Commerce Web Site Engineering
- IS 425 Enterprise Information
- IS 511 Social Issues of Computing
- TDC 572 Network Security
- or ECT 582 Secure Electronic Commerce
- Two CDM elective courses [numbered 420-599] for which the student has completed adequate prerequisites.

Culminating Thesis
The Culminating Thesis is an independent research article that demonstrates a student's ability to integrate both technical expertise and legal knowledge. Normally, it is undertaken during the student's final year in the Joint Degree program.

In this work, the student is guided and assessed by a Committee of three faculty, at least one of whom is fulltime at CDM and at least one of whom is fulltime at the College of Law. It is the responsibility of the student to find an advisor (Committee Chair) and assemble this committee.

The Masters Thesis will use the course number IT 698. It may be taken for two or four credits per quarter. Students may register for this course only after their advisor has approved a written proposal for their thesis. Students must continue to register for this course every quarter after their first registration in it until they complete their thesis to the satisfaction of their committee. They earn two hours of credit for each such registration but only four hours of credit will apply for degree credit.

Electives
12 additional quarter hours fulfilled by courses from the IP Certificate courses. These courses will also be counted toward the JD degree.

Joint Degree Program Advising and For Further Information
Students are encouraged to consult with the following advisors regarding their participation in the joint degree program:

- Assistant Dean Diana White - College of Law - dwhite@depaul.edu - For questions regarding administrative aspects of the joint degree and College of Law programs
- Professor Katherine Strandburg - College of Law - kstrandb@depaul.edu - For questions regarding substantive aspects of the College of Law IP and IT programs
- Professor Danny Mittleman CDM - danny@cdm.depaul.edu - For questions regarding substantive aspects of the CDM program
- Professor Curt White CDM - cwhite@cdm.depaul.edu - For questions regarding substantive aspects of the CDM program
About

The primary goal of the joint degree JD/MS program at DePaul University College of Law Center for Intellectual Property Law & Information Technology (CIPLITZ) and its College of Computing and Digital Media (CDM) is to educate students to take advantage of the opportunities presented by the legal needs of industry in this high technology age. A critical need exists for patent attorneys in the high-tech field who have a substantive understanding of IT as well as for attorneys, who need not be members of the patent bar, to provide client counseling or litigation services in the information technology field. Graduates of the joint degree program will be qualified for careers in intellectual property boutique law firms, in general practice firms with clients in the high technology field, as in-house counsel in the high technology industry, and in government agencies dealing with high technology regulation.

Many of the students completing the joint JD/MS degree will choose to join the Patent Bar. The technical education provided by the MS part of the program will help to qualify them for the patent bar exam. However, in today's society, members of the Patent Bar are not the only attorneys who need technological expertise for successful legal practice. Many patent litigators are not members of the patent bar, yet must become intimately familiar with the technological bases for their clients litigation positions. Trademark attorneys face infringement and prosecution issues related to domain names and Internet websites. Copyright attorneys are frequently exposed to issues of protection for computer software and Internet website content. Even lawyers who do not specialize in intellectual property law frequently face computer-related issues, as such questions arise more and more frequently in "bread-and-butter" disputes between companies immersed in high technology.

The JD/MS program is primarily aimed at students with undergraduate scientific or technical degrees or with other substantial technological or scientific background who wish to deepen their technical expertise while also obtaining a law degree.

Characteristics of the program include:

- It is designed to provide a curriculum for students with significant undergraduate technological background who wish to pursue advanced studies in Computer Science, Telecommunications, and Information Systems jointly with their legal studies.
- It offers a variety of curriculum options encompassing key technological topics along with legal courses which prepare the student for transactional and/or litigation work.
- It is expected that most students who pursue this joint degree will also obtain a Certificate in Intellectual Property: General, Intellectual Property: Patent or Information Technology from the law school.
- It is expected that most students who pursue the JD/MS degree will already be qualified to sit for the patent bar exam. Students who need to "make up" some patent bar exam requirements may be able to pursue that goal as part of this program.

In this program, students will acquire:

- An in-depth understanding of the legal issues that confront present and future technologies.
- An understanding of legal principles and application of those principles to a growing number of legal issues facing technology
- Core knowledge in a particular technology discipline
- In-depth fluency with state-of-the-art technologies and IT principles.

Course Requirement Reductions in the Joint Degree Program:

- Joint degree students may substitute up to 8 law semester hours in place of up to 3 CDM masters degree courses, reducing their CDM course requirements to 10 courses plus any necessary prerequisite coursework. Courses to be substituted must be selected from the elective and required courses for the College of Law certificates in
Joint degree students may substitute up to 15 CDM credit hours in place of up to 10 of the 86 required law semester hours, reducing their law course requirements to 76 semester hours. Only CDM courses taken after enrollment in the College of Law may be substituted for law courses.

Joint degree students may not substitute CDM credit hours for required courses in the College of Law, such as the Professional Responsibility and Senior Seminar courses.

Joint degree students must graduate from both schools on the same date, in the same semester/quarter, and in the same year. Double counting of credit hours occurs only after the student concurrently completes both degree programs. Students should consult with the joint degree advisors regarding any questions about coordinating the completion of the two degrees.

Administration Procedures and Requirements

Sample Law School/CDM four-year course plan

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Administration Procedures and Requirements

Admission to this joint program requires: (1) completion with a 3.0 grade point average or better of the first-year required courses in the JD program at the DePaul University College of Law (part-time students must have completed three semesters) and (2) acceptance to CDM. Students should indicate their interest in the joint degree program when applying to CDM.

Application to the joint degree program should be made to Assistant Dean Diana White at the College of Law after the above requirements have been met. Applicants should submit a letter indicating their intent to apply for the joint degree program along with a copy of their first year (or first three semesters for part-time students) law grades demonstrating compliance with the 3.0 grade point average requirement. Students are encouraged to make an appointment with Dean White to discuss their joint degree applications and plans for pursuing the joint degree.

Application to CDM may be made at any time, but law students will ordinarily find it most advantageous to apply to CDM after receiving first-year law grades (ordinarily in early July following the first year.) Students must declare a specific MS degree upon application to CDM and meet the CDM prerequisite phase course requirements for that degree, either through their undergraduate coursework or by adding a prerequisite phase to their joint degree program. Students who need to take prerequisite courses during their pursuit of the joint degree may require more than four years from admission to law school for completion of the joint degree. It is highly recommended that law students interested in the joint degree program contact Prof. Danny Mittleman or Prof. Curt White at CDM to discuss their individual circumstances before applying to CDM.

Transfer students or students who have enrolled in CDM before applying to the College of Law should consult with the joint degree program advisors to determine how their special circumstances may affect their qualifications for the joint degree.

Further information about admission requirements and procedures may be found in the general description of Admission Requirements for Joint Degrees found on the College of Law website under Academic Programs.

Financial Considerations:

- Joint degree students will pay on a per-credit-hour basis in both the College of Law and CDM.
- Because the joint degree program permits double-counting of coursework, the total cost for the two...
degrees will be significantly lower under the joint degree program
- Admission to the joint degree program will ordinarily not affect College of Law scholarship awards. However, students should consult with Dean White about their specific scholarships
- Financial aid recipients must consult with Clare Timm at the financial aid office to obtain a revised (often increased) financial aid award based on their participation in the joint degree program

Sample Law School/CDM four-year course plan

The student must complete the regular first year JD program before being admitted to the Joint Degree. The second and third years might consist of three law courses in Fall Semester and two law courses in Spring Semester as well as one CDM course Fall Quarter, two CDM courses Winter Quarter, and two CDM courses Spring Quarter. The fourth year might consist of three law courses Fall Semester, one CDM course Fall Quarter, three CDM courses Winter Quarter, and three CDM courses Spring Quarter. This schedule allows for completion of the JD as well as completion of 14 CDM courses (the MS program plus four prerequisite courses). It is possible that, because of prerequisite coursework, the program may take some students more than four years.

Since each student will require a different number of CDM prerequisites and each student will select courses based on semester/quarter availability, any particular curriculum might be different from the sample curriculum shown. All joint degree students will be encouraged to select courses with the assistance of Joint Degree program advisors at both the Law School and CDM.

CDM Requirements for an MS Degree

For the CDM portion of the joint degree, students may major in:

- Computer Information and Network Security
- Computer Science
- Distributed Systems
- E-Commerce Technology
- Information Systems
- Telecommunications

Each program listed above follows the requirements as listed on its page on the CDM website. These requirements are divided into the phases. Upon completion of those requirements, each student will move to the Elective Phase as described below.

Electives

12 additional quarter hours fulfilled by courses from the IP Certificate courses. These courses will also be counted toward the JD degree.

Joint Degree Program Advising and For Further Information

Students are encouraged to consult with the following advisors regarding their participation in the joint degree program:

- Assistant Dean Diana White - College of Law - dwhite@depaul.edu - For questions regarding administrative aspects of the joint degree and College of Law programs
- Professor Katherine Strandburg - College of Law - kstrandb@depaul.edu - For questions regarding substantive aspects of the College of Law IP and IT programs
- Professor Danny Mittleman - CDM - danny@cdm.depaul.edu - For questions regarding substantive aspects of the CDM program
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Advanced Software Development Professional

College of Computing and Digital Media - Graduate Studies ▶ School of Computing (SoC) ▶ Advanced Software Development Professional

About

After completing a Master's Degree, or gaining software engineering certification, a student may decide to continue their education as a software development professional. They might come back to gain new technical skills, take advanced classes which did not fit into their degree plan, or to help with professional recertification. The IEEE Computer Society Certified Software Development Professional program requires continual recertification, which may include College and University Courses. As part of DePaul University's commitment to life-long-learning, CDM is pleased to offer students with a Master's degree or IEEE professional certification an opportunity to enroll for advanced classes.

The program is an open-ended series of courses, which does not lead to a degree. To qualify for the Advanced Software Development Professional program, a student must either:

- Have a Master's Degree in Computer Science, Software Engineering, or another technical, scientific or engineering field, or
- Be certified by the IEEE Computer Society Certified Software Development (CDSPŻ) program.

Upon acceptance into the program, the student will meet with their faculty advisor to discuss which classes they would like to take.

After meeting with their faculty advisor, the student will have Non-Degree-Seeking status, and will be able to take any CDM class, as long as they satisfy the prerequisites for that class. If they do not have a Master's degree from DePaul University, they should discuss with their faculty advisor which classes they may have to take to satisfy these prerequisite requirements.

Courses taken as part of the Advanced Software Development Professional program may be used towards recertification for the IEEE Computer Society Certified Software Development Professional program. To be recertified, a candidate must first gain CDSP certification, and must then earn 30 Professional Development Units, 15 of which may come from College and University courses. Since each CDM course is worth 5.2 PDUs, three CDM courses will earn those 15 PDUs. CDSP recertification is required every three years, and so one CDM course per year will count for half of a candidate's recertification requirements.

A student in the Advanced Software Development Professional program who later is accepted to a degree program at DePaul University may count up to three courses taken in this program towards the degree.

Students are free to take any CDM classes they satisfy the prerequisite requirements for. The following classes may be of particular interest to software professionals:

SE 480 Software Architecture
SE 469 Software Safety
SE 472 Software Development Processes
SE 473 Security Architecture I
SE 477 Software and Systems Project Management
SE 480 Software Architecture
SE 482 Requirements Engineering
SE 529 Software Risk Management
SE 531 Formal Software Specifications and Development II
SE 533 Software Validation and Verification
SE 540 Software Development for Mobile and Wireless Systems
DePaul University's Software Engineering Program is an IEEE Computer Society registered Education Provider. DePaul University's Software Engineering Program is committed to enhancing the ongoing professional development of software development professionals, Certified Software Development Professionals (CSDP), and other software stakeholders through appropriate software engineering learning activities and products. As a CSDP Education Provider, DePaul University's Software Engineering Program has agreed to abide by IEEE Computer Society established operational and educational criteria, and is subject to random audits for quality assurance purposes.

Advice given by DePaul University faculty and staff about CDSP recertification is for informational purposes only. This document may not reflect the most recent requirements for CDSP recertification.
School of Cinema and Interactive Media (CIM)

About the School

The School of Cinema and Interactive Media (CIM) houses CDM's creative degrees. With an emphasis on all aspects of production, students can earn degrees that prepare them for work in cinema, animation, computer game development and interactive media.

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Master of Science in Computer Game Development

College of Computing and Digital Media - Graduate Studies ▶ School of Cinema and Interactive Media (CIM) ▶ Master of Science in Computer Game Development

About

The MS in Computer Game Development is designed for those interested in game development programming at the highest level, including computer science and computer graphics professionals retooling for the game industry.

This degree program consists of:

- Prerequisite Phase
- Core Knowledge Phase
- Advanced Phase
- Project Phase
- Open Electives

Grade and GPA Requirements

A grade point average of at least 3.0 (A=4.0) must be maintained in all course work toward the master's degree. Courses in which a grade of C- (1.7) or lower is earned will not apply toward a graduate degree.

Prerequisite Phase
Students must demonstrate prerequisite competencies by transcript or by successful completion of the following courses:

- CSC 261 Programming Languages I: C/C++
- CSC 262 Programming Languages II: C/C++
- CSC 373 Computer Systems I
- CSC 374 Computer Systems II
- CSC 383 Data Structures and Algorithms in Java
- or CSC 393 Data Structures in C++
- GPH 321 Computer Graphics Development
- or linear algebra equivalent
- MAT 150 Calculus I

Evaluation of prerequisite competencies will follow standard CDM practice: By taking these courses and receiving a grade of B- or better in each, the student will have completed the requirements of the Prerequisite Phase. All or part of the Prerequisite Phase may be waived if a student has the equivalent academic background. Alternatively, students with practical experience may complete a Graduate Assessment Examination (GAE) to show competency in a prerequisite. The student must submit an online Change of Status request when the Prerequisite Phase is completed to inform the Student Services offices that the block can be removed. The online request must be submitted two weeks before the student intends to register for graduate level classes. The student will then be considered a fully admitted student, and may pass to the Graduate Phase of the program. Students may submit the Change of Status by logging in to MyCDM.

Core Knowledge Phase

The core knowledge phase provides a common foundation in computer game development. Students are required to complete these courses before moving to the advance phase.

- GAM 424 Game Design Workshop
- GAM 474 Action Games Programming
- GAM 475 Game Engine Programming I

Advanced Phase

The advanced phase provides specialized knowledge in computer game development topics, as well as allowing students to choose a particular emphasis for their studies.

- GAM 450 Physics for Game Developers
- GAM 476 Artificial Intelligence for Computer Games
- CSC 421 Applied Algorithms and Structures
- GPH 469 Computer Graphics Development
- GAM 575 Game Engine Programming II

plus 2 Graduate Game Development Electives from the following list:
CSC 443 Introduction to Operating Systems  
CSC 447 Concepts of Programming Languages  
CSC 448 Compiler Design  
CSC 451 Database Design  
CSC 480 Foundations of Artificial Intelligence  
CSC 578 Neural Networks and Machine Learning  
GAM 490 Multiplayer Game Development  
GAM 599 Topics in Computer Game Design and Development  
GPH 438 Computer Animation Survey  
GPH 448 Computer Graphics Scripting  
GPH 539 Advanced Rendering Techniques  
GPH 540 Procedural Shading  
GPH 541 Advanced Lighting Techniques  
GPH 570 Visualization  
GPH 572 Principles of Computer Animation  
GPH 575 Advanced Graphics Development  
SE 430 Object Oriented Modeling  
SE 433 Software Testing  
SE 435 Distributed Systems I  
SE 450 Object-Oriented Software Development  
SE 477 Software and Systems Project Management  
SE 536 Distributed Systems II  
SE 542 Software Development for Limited and Embedded Devices  
SE 552 Concurrent Software Development  
SE 558 Architecture and Design for Multiplayer Games

or any graduate GAM course

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**Project Phase**

Students must register for GAM 690 and GAM 691 in consecutive quarters. A grade will not be assigned for GAM 690 until GAM 691 has been completed.

GAM 690 Game Development Studio I  
GAM 691 Game Development Studio II

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**Open Electives**

One elective course in the range of 420-699, from an CDM program. Credit for courses taken outside of the college will only be given if approved by a faculty advisor. Courses suggested for any Prerequisite Phase in any concentration do not count for elective credit. Any course required for the student’s concentration but taken as part of the requirements of another degree earned by the student may be waived, but not cannot be used for elective credit.
Master of Science in Computer Graphics and Motion Technology

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About

The MS in Computer Graphics and Motion Technology is a study of the technical and aesthetic foundations, design and development of Computer Graphics. This program prepares students for technical careers in the graphics industry.

What Students Will Learn From The Program

- Develop a sensitivity to human perception, including a comprehension of fundamental design concepts, color theory, and the interaction of light with surfaces
- Build a deep understanding of such technical concepts as interaction design, modeling objects, controlling cameras, rigging characters for animation and using particle and surface techniques
- Learn to apply perceptual and technical abilities in creating shaders, textures, characters, scenes and animations
- Acquire hands-on experience with a wide range of commercially-available tools
- Develop a grasp of fundamentals that allow implementations beyond the extant user interfaces
- Become appreciative of the two cultures of computer graphics – the one drawing on communication design and the other deriving from computer science.

Concentrations

This degree prepares students for careers in graphics/animation production and software development. Students acquire both the aesthetic and technical knowledge required in this rapidly changing industry. Students can choose from three concentrations, depending on their career aspirations:

**The Developer Concentration** is a more traditional computer science path, focusing on the mathematical and programming techniques necessary to build graphics/animation software. Developers study not only the necessary data structures to build software such as game engines and production renderers but also the knowledge required to know what software artists will need and how they will it.

**The Visualization Concentration** focuses on graphics/animation for displaying, explaining and analyzing scientific and medical data. Visualization displays numerical data in an accurate, high-density and compact form in which patterns are revealed, emphasized and clearly communicated. Students focus on the mathematics, statistics and programming techniques necessary to analyze and display such data. At the same time students are given a firm grounding in the aesthetics that allow them to build visualizations that communicate effectively and beautifully.

**The Technical Director Concentration** prepares students for jobs that facilitate artistic production. It gives students a solid aesthetic background while also providing a firm grounding in the scripting techniques necessary to take the industry's software as far as it can go in realizing the artists creative intent. Graduates will be able to assist creative directors in such activities as creating virtual sets, adjusting lighting, asset management and rigging characters for animation.

Course Requirements

The MS in Computer Graphics and Motion Technology program consists of 13 courses with six or seven prerequisite courses. Students choosing the Technical Director concentration take six courses while students taking the Developer or Visualization concentrations take seven courses.

Grade and GPA Requirements
Prerequisite Phase

Fundamental Phase

Core Knowledge Phase

Advanced Phase

Elective Courses

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Grade and GPA Requirements

A grade point average of at least 3.0 (A=4.0) must be maintained in all course work toward the master's degree. Courses in which a grade of C- (1.7) or lower is earned will not apply toward a graduate degree.

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Prerequisite Phase

The courses in the Prerequisite Phase for the MS in Computer Graphics and Motion Technology are:

Technical Director and Developer concentrations

HCl 402 Foundations of Digital Design
GPH 212 Perceptual Principles for Digital Environments II
IT 240 Introduction to Desktop Databases Self Placement Test Available

Technical Director concentration *

CSC 211 Programming in Java I Self Placement Test Available
or CSC 261 Programming Languages I: C/C++
CSC 212 Programming in Java II
or CSC 262 Programming Languages II: C/C++
or CSC 224 Java for Programmers
or CSC 396 Programming in Java I and II
GPH 259 Design Geometry

Developer Concentration

CSC 261 Programming Languages I: C/C++
CSC 262 Programming Languages II: C/C++
CSC 393 Data Structures in C++
MAT 150 Calculus I
or MAT 160 Calculus for Mathematics and Science Majors I
or MAT 170 Calculus I with Scientific Applications **

Visualization Concentration
HCI 402 Foundations of Digital Design
IT 223 Data Analysis
CSC 261 Programming Languages I: C/C++
CSC 262 Programming Languages II: C/C++
CSC 393 Data Structures in C++
MAT 150 Calculus I
or MAT 160 Calculus for Mathematics and Science Majors I
or MAT 170 Calculus I with Scientific Applications**
MAT 151 Calculus II
or MAT 161 Calculus for Mathematics and Science Majors II
or MAT 171 Calculus II with Scientific Applications***

* The Technical Director prerequisite track requires two quarters of programming in either Java or C/C++ so students entering with prior coursework in C++ will satisfy this requirement. Any TD student who wishes to eventually take courses in the Developer track as electives are encouraged to take the C++ programming track CSC 261 and CSC 262 to satisfy their prerequisite programming requirement.

** Calculus 1, MAT 170 Recommended

*** Calculus 2, MAT 171 Recommended

By taking these courses and receiving a grade of a B- or better in each, the student will have completed the requirements of the Prerequisite Phase. All or part of the Prerequisite Phase may be waived if a student has the equivalent academic background. Alternatively, students with practical experience may complete a Graduate Assessment Examination (GAE) to show competency in a prerequisite. All students are blocked from enrolling in Foundation Phase courses prior to completing their prerequisites. The student must submit an online Change of Status request when the Prerequisite Phase is completed to inform the Student Services offices that the block can be removed. The online request must be submitted two weeks before the student intends to register for graduate level classes. The student will then be considered a fully admitted student, and may pass to the Graduate Phase of the program. Students may submit the Change of Status request by logging in to MyCDM.

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**Fundamental Phase**

The courses in the Fundamental Phase for the Technical Director and Developer concentrations are:

HCI 470 Digital Page Formatting I
GPH 425 Survey of Computer Graphics
GPH 438 Computer Animation Survey
GPH 448 Computer Graphics Scripting

The courses in the Fundamental Phase for the Visualization concentration are:

HCI 470 Digital Page Formatting I
HCI 440 Usability Engineering
CSC 431 Scientific Computing
GPH 425 Survey of Computer Graphics
GPH 436 Fundamentals of Computer Graphics
Core Knowledge Phase

The Core Knowledge Phase courses for the MS in Computer Graphics and Motion Technology are:

Technical Directors concentration

GPH 450 Digital Modeling I
HCI 422 Multimedia
GPH 560 Modeling Spaces
HCI 440 Usability Engineering

Developers concentration

GPH 436 Fundamentals of Computer Graphics
GPH 469 Computer Graphics Development
GPH 572 Principles of Computer Animation

Visualization concentration

CSC 481 Introduction to Image Processing
GPH 469 Computer Graphics Development
GPH 572 Principles of Computer Animation

Advanced Phase

The Advanced Phase courses for the MS in Computer Graphics and Motion Technology are:

Technical Directors concentration

GPH 539 Advanced Rendering Techniques
GPH 565 Designing for Visualization

Developers concentration

GPH 539 Advanced Rendering Techniques
GPH 570 Visualization
GPH 580 Hardware Shading Techniques

Visualization concentration

GPH 570 Visualization
GPH 580 Hardware Shading Techniques
**Elective Courses**

*Three electives* must be taken in the following areas. Elective courses must not have been otherwise used to satisfy degree requirements.

- 1 GPH Course, 420 level or above
- 2 CDM Courses, 420 level or above

At least one of the above 3 courses must be 500 level or above.

**Suggested Electives**

**Technical Director Concentration**

CSC 421 Applied Algorithms and Structures  
CSC 423 Data Analysis and Regression  
CSC 482 Applied Image Analysis  
CSC 483 Information Processing Management  
CSC 521 Monte Carlo Algorithms  
GPH 448 Computer Graphics Scripting  
GPH 487 Forensic Animation  
GPH 536 Smooth Surface Modeling for Graphics and Animation  
GPH 540 Procedural Shading  
GPH 575 Advanced Graphics Development

**Visualization Concentration**

GPH 438 Computer Animation Survey  
GPH 450 Digital Modeling I  
GPH 539 Advanced Rendering Techniques  
GPH 560 Modeling Spaces

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**Master of Fine Arts in Digital Cinema**

**About**

The Master of Fine Arts in Digital Cinema is a highly selective terminal degree program in digital filmmaking. A student is not admitted into the MFA directly; rather, a student enters the Master of Science in Digital Cinema (either the Cinema Program or the Animation Concentration) to gain the required technical foundation in cinema production and then, during pursuit of the Master of Science degree, applies for admittance into the MFA program.

The Master of Fine Arts degree is a terminal degree in digital filmmaking. The MFA culminates in the successful completion of the MFA thesis project, a public presentation of the thesis project, and a defense of the thesis to the student’s MFA committee.
MFA Application Process

At any time after completing 7 courses (28 credit hours) toward the MS degree a student may elect to apply for admission into the MFA program. The steps in applying for the MFA are as follows:

1. Contact the full-time DC faculty member with whom you want to work. This faculty will become Chair of your MFA Committee if you are accepted in the MFA.
2. Work with that faculty member in preparing materials and a timeline for your application.
3. Make a formal MFA during the first week of any academic quarter or during the first week of the Summer I session. Your sponsoring faculty member will serve as your advocate during the MFA selection process.

MFA Application Materials

The MFA application should include:

- a statement of purpose in pursuing the MFA degree, including the faculty member who will be your advocate.
- samples of creative work submitted on DVD.
- a synopsis and production/finishing schedule for the proposed thesis project.

The MFA Application

The application should be made during the first week of any academic quarter or during the first week of the Summer I session.

MFA Committees

Digital Cinema MFA Committee

The MFA committee will meet every academic quarter (and during the Summer I session) to consider applications into the program. Decisions pertaining to acceptance or rejection into the MFA program will be made only at these meetings. The criteria for admission into the MFA are as follows:

1. The student's creative potential as a filmmaker.
2. The committee's determination of the student's ability to complete the thesis project.
3. The compatibility of the Digital Cinema MFA program with the student's goals as indicated in the statement of purpose.

Students will be advised of MFA Committee application decisions by the 5th week of the
Students will be advised of MFA Committee application decisions by the 5th week of the academic quarter (or at the end of the Summer I session). All admission decisions of the MFA Committee are final. Students who are not admitted into the MFA will continue on in the MS program.

**Student's MFA Committee**
The student's MFA Committee shall have a Chair and a minimum of two other members. The Chair (who was the student's advocate during the selection process) and one committee member must be full-time Digital Cinema Faculty. After assembling an MFA Committee the student will advise the Chair of the Digital Cinema MFA Committee of the composition of that committee. The student will work closely with the Chair of his/her committee in planning and completing the MFA thesis.

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**Course Requirements**
The requirements for the MFA are as follows: the 13 courses required for the MS plus 3 MFA thesis seminars.

- DC 565 Thesis Development
- DC 566 Thesis Production
- DC 567 Thesis Post-Production

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**The MFA Thesis**
The MFA Thesis shall be a major artistic digital project. Although there is no prescribed length for theses, the following should be used as guidelines:

- For live action projects, 15-35 minutes. 15-20 minute films tend to get the best festival play. Films longer than 35 minutes usually do not qualify for the SAG student film waiver.
- The Digital Cinema faculty encourages students to produce feature length films.
- For animation projects, 10 minutes or more.

**The Thesis Screening**
A major component MFA degree is the public screening of the MFA thesis. It is the student's responsibility to organize, schedule, promote and publicize this screening.

**The MFA Thesis Defense**
At some point following the public screening the student will schedule a thesis defense with his/her MFA committee. At this defense the student's MFA Committee will discuss, evaluate, and critique the thesis and make a determination on the awarding of the MFA degree.
About

The Master of Science in Digital Cinema degree emphasizes the technical and technology-based topics and practices of digital cinema. Such topics and practices include post-production editing of video and audio, the integration of video and audio, special effects and computer-generated imaging, and modes of digital distribution.

Concentrations

The Master of Science (MS) degree in Digital Cinema offers two programs of graduate study for students.

The Cinema Program is the advanced study of all aspects of digital filmmaking including screenwriting, producing, directing, cinematography, editing, and sound design. The emphasis of the program is on the individual student's development as a digital filmmaker and storyteller.

The Animation Concentration features a program of study in traditional animation (hand-drawn and stop-motion), 3D modeling and character animation for cinema and game art, in addition to the core cinema courses.

Find out more at the Digital Cinema Website: http://www.cdm.depaul.edu/digitalcinema

What Students Learn From The Program

- post-production editing of video and audio
- the integration of video and audio
- special effects
- computer-generated imaging

Program Information

Prerequisite Phase

Core Knowledge Phase

Advanced Phase

Option for the MFA Phase

Upon acceptance into the masters degree program, the student will meet with their faculty advisor to discuss required courses for the Prerequisite Phase. The Prerequisite Phase is intended to ensure that all students enter graduate courses with an equivalent background. While completing this phase, a student is considered a conditionally admitted masters student. In the Core Knowledge phase, a student will follow a sequence of courses to acquire an understanding of the technological and theoretical foundations for the particular degree. In the Advanced Phase of the program, the fundamental information learned previously allows a student to study advanced topics within their chosen degree. This phase adds depth to the work completed in the Core Knowledge Phase. Individual interests and needs are also addressed through a series of elective courses chosen in consultation with the student's faculty advisor.
Grades and GPA Requirements

**Grades:** Students must receive a grade of B- or better in each prerequisite course and a C- or better in all other courses.

**GPA:** Students must maintain a graduate level GPA of 2.50 or higher while pursuing their degree. Students will not be approved for graduation with less than a 2.50 GPA. Students with a GPA of 3.90 or higher will graduate with distinction.

The Cinema Program

**Prerequisite Phase**
Students must demonstrate prerequisite competencies by transcript or by successful completion of the following courses:

- DC 201 Introduction to Screenwriting
- DC 210 Digital Cinema Production I
- DC 220 Editing I

And a choice of two from the following list:

- DC 215 Digital Sound Design
- DC 275 Cinematography and Lighting
- ANI 230 3d Modeling for Animation and Gaming
- ANI 231 3d Animation for Cinema and Gaming
- GAM 244 Game Development I
- GAM 245 Game Development II

By taking these courses and receiving a grade of a B- or better in each, the student will have completed the requirements of the Prerequisite Phase. All or part of the Prerequisite Phase may be waived if a student has the equivalent academic background. Alternatively, students with practical experience may complete a Graduate Assessment Examination (GAE) to show competency in a prerequisite. All students are blocked from enrolling in Core Knowledge Phase courses prior to completing their prerequisites. The student must submit an online Change of Status request when the Prerequisite Phase is completed to inform the Student Services offices that the block can be removed. The online request must be submitted two weeks before the student intends to register for graduate level classes. The student will then be considered a fully admitted student, and may pass to the Graduate Phase of the program. Students may submit the Change of Status request by logging in to MyCDM.

**Core Knowledge Phase**

The core knowledge phase is designed to provide a common foundation in digital cinema production.

**Core Knowledge Courses**

Fully admitted students in the Core Knowledge phase may register for a maximum of four Advanced phase courses. The Core Knowledge Phase courses for the MS in Digital Cinema are:

- DC 460 Digital Cinema Proseminar
- DC 461 Production Workshop
- DC 462 Production Seminar
Advanced Phase

The advanced phase provides specialized knowledge in digital cinema topics, as well as allowing students to choose a particular emphasis for their studies.

Required Advanced Phase Courses

DC 401 Writing the Short Motion Picture
DC 495 Directing the Short Motion Picture
DC 476 Visual Design
DC 430 Visual Effects
DC 421 Production Design

Elective Advanced Phase Courses

Students in this program must choose 3 electives from the following list:

DC 411 Music Video Production
DC 415 Advanced Sound Design
DC 420 Advanced Non-Linear Editing
DC 471 Documentary Production
DC 475 Advanced Cinematography
DC 478 Special Effects and Compositing
DC 489 The Big Picture: the Entertainment Industry
DC 490 Directing
DC 499 Internship
DC 402 Writing the Feature Film
DC 480 Project Bluelight
DC 481 Distribution and Exhibition
DC 485 Producing the Feature Film
ANI 430 3d Character Animation
ANI 450 Motion Capture Workshop
ANI 431 Advanced 3d Character Animation
ANI 479 Advanced 3d Compositing
ANI 490 Topics in Animation
ANI 493 Topics in 3d Animation
GAM 424 Game Design Workshop

Students in this program will also have to take 2 graduate-level electives from any CDM MS program.

Animation Concentration

Prerequisite Phase

ANI 101 Animation for Non-Majors
ANI 230 3d Modeling for Animation and Gaming
ANI 231 3d Animation for Cinema and Gaming

And a choice of two from the following list:

DC 215 Digital Sound Design
DC 275 Cinematography and Lighting
DC 201 Introduction to Screenwriting
DC 210 Digital Cinema Production I
DC 220 Editing I
GAM 244 Game Development I
GAM 245 Game Development II

Core Knowledge Phase

Choose three courses from the following list:

DC 460 Digital Cinema Proseminar
DC 461 Production Workshop
DC 462 Production Seminar
ANI 460 Animation Graduate Seminar

Advanced Phase

The advanced phase provides specialized knowledge in digital cinema topics, as well as allowing students to choose a particular emphasis for their studies.

Required Advanced Phase Courses

ANI 400 Animation Production
ANI 435 Advanced 3d Modeling for Animation and Gaming
ANI 430 3d Character Animation
ANI 439 3d Texturing and Lighting
ANI 450 Motion Capture Workshop

Elective Advanced Phase Courses

Students in this program must choose 3 electives from the following list:

ANI 431 Advanced 3d Character Animation
ANI 479 Advanced 3d Compositing
ANI 490 Topics in Animation
ANI 493 Topics in 3d Animation
DC 411 Music Video Production
DC 415 Advanced Sound Design
DC 420 Advanced Non-Linear Editing
DC 475 Advanced Cinematography
DC 478 Special Effects and Compositing
DC 489 The Big Picture: the Entertainment Industry
DC 490 Directing
DC 499 Internship
DC 476 Visual Design
DC 402 Writing the Feature Film
DC 480 Project Bluelight
DC 481 Distribution and Exhibition
DC 401 Writing the Short Motion Picture
DC 495 Directing the Short Motion Picture
DC 421 Production Design
GAM 424 Game Design Workshop

Students in this program will also have to take 2 graduate-level electives from any CDM MS program.

Master of Science in Human-Computer Interaction
About

The Masters Program in Human-Computer Interaction provides students with skills and expertise for designing, prototyping and testing user interfaces and web sites.

The Master of Science in Human-Computer Interaction at DePaul prepares students to design, implement, and evaluate computer interfaces so that they are accessible and easy for people to use. This interdisciplinary degree integrates concepts and methods from computer science, graphic design and the social sciences to provide a comprehensive understanding of the user-centered design process.

What Students Will Learn From This Program

- Carry out the full user-centered design process
- Conduct usability tests
- Perform research on users and their tasks
- Create the information architecture for a web site or complex application
- Develop working prototypes of dynamic web sites

Program Information

The program has five phases, with each phase preparing the student for the subsequent phase. The masters degree program consists of:

Prerequisite Courses
Fundamentals Courses
Core Courses
Advanced Phase Courses
Capstone Course

Upon acceptance into the masters degree program, the student will meet with a faculty advisor to discuss Prerequisite courses. The Prerequisite courses are intended to ensure that all students enter graduate courses with an equivalent background. The Fundamental courses offer knowledge in the multiple disciplines that contribute to HCI. Students in the Core courses acquire an understanding of the technological and theoretical foundations, and the Advanced Phase provides students the opportunity to study specialized topics in greater depth. This phase adds depth to the work completed in the previous phases. The degree culminates in the experience of the Capstone Course where students undertake a comprehensive project involving analysis, design, implementation and evaluation.

Grade and GPA Requirement

Grades: Students must receive a grade of B- or better in each prerequisite course and a C- or better in all other courses.

GPA: Students must maintain a graduate level GPA of 2.50 or higher while pursuing their degree. Students will not be approved for graduation with less than a 2.50 GPA. Students with a GPA of 3.90 or higher will graduate with distinction.
Prerequisite Courses

The courses in the Prerequisite Phase for the MS in Human-Computer Interaction are listed below.

IT 130 The Internet and the Web Self Placement Test Available
IT 223 Data Analysis Self Placement Test Available
IM 230 Scripting for Interactive Media
or IM 336 Interactive Media Scripting for Programmers
IM 270 User-Centered Web Design
HCI 402 Foundations of Digital Design *

* HCI 402 is not currently offered online. Consult your advisor for determining suitable alternative coursework.

Students who intend to take implementation courses at the graduate level are encouraged to complete CSC 212, CSC 396 or CSC 224.

By taking these courses and receiving a grade of a B- or better in each, the student will have completed the requirements of the Prerequisite Phase. All or part of the Prerequisite Phase may be waived if a student has the equivalent academic background. Alternatively, students with practical experience may complete a Graduate Assessment Examination (GAE) to show competency in a prerequisite. The student must submit an online Change of Status request when the Prerequisite Phase is completed to inform the Student Services offices that the block can be removed. The online request must be submitted two weeks before the student intends to register for graduate level classes. The student will then be considered a fully admitted student, and may pass to the Graduate Phase of the program. Students may submit the Change of Status request by logging in to MyCDM.

Fundamental Courses

Students should complete their Prerequisite courses before beginning the Fundamental courses. However, while completing the Prerequisite courses, students may take Fundamental courses with consent of their faculty advisor. The Fundamental courses for the MS in Human-Computer Interaction are:

HCI 440 Usability Engineering
HCI 450 Foundations of Human-Computer Interaction
HCI 470 Digital Page Formatting I

Core Courses

Students must complete all Prerequisite courses and should be finishing Fundamental courses before taking Core courses.

The Core courses are:
Advanced Phase Courses

Students must complete four courses either from the HCI offering or from the courses listed below, plus one advisor-approved elective from the College of CDM. All advanced phase courses in CDM must be numbered 420 or higher.

The HCI offering includes: (but is not limited to)

HCI 422 Multimedia
HCI 432 User-Centered Web Development
HCI 511 Designing for Disabilities
HCI 530 Usability Issues for Handheld Devices
HCI 590 Topics in Human-Computer Interaction

Non-HCI Advanced phase courses open to all HCI graduate students

CSC 423 Data Analysis and Regression
CSC 424 Advanced Data Analysis
CSC 428 Data Analysis for Experimenters
CSC 449 Database Technologies
CSC 451 Database Design
CSC 587 Cognitive Science
ECT 433 Survey of Web Programming Technologies
ECT 455 E-Commerce Web Site Engineering
ECT 480 Intranets and Portals
ECT 586 Customer Relationship Management Technologies
IS 456 Knowledge Management Systems
IS 511 Social Issues of Computing
IS 570 Enterprise System Implementation
ITS 427 Learning and Technology
ITS 431 Instructional Delivery and Course Management Systems
ITS 560 Training and User Support
IT 432 Web Architecture for Non-Programmers
PM 430 Fundamentals of IT Project Management
PM 440 Collaborative Technology for Leading Projects
PSY 402 Perceptual Processes
PSY 404 Learning and Cognitive Processes
PSY 473 The Psychology of Judgment and Decision-Making
PSY 557 Seminar in Learning and Cognitive Processes
PSY 680 Industrial and Organizational Psychology
SE 425 Principles and Practices of Software Engineering
SE 477 Software and Systems Project Management
SE 482 Requirements Engineering

Advanced phase courses open to students with programming experience.

GPH 425 Survey of Computer Graphics
GPH 438 Computer Animation Survey
Capstone Course

HCI 594 Human-Computer Interaction Capstone *

* HCI 594 is not currently offered online. Consult your advisor for determining suitable alternative coursework.
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