Information Technology

This section presents the requirements for programs in:

- Master of Information Technology: Digital Media
- Master of Information Technology: Digital Media with Specialization in Data Science
- Master of Information Technology: Network Technology
- Ph.D. Information Technology

Program Requirements

Master of Information Technology: Digital Media (5.0 credits)

Requirements:
1. 0.5 credit in:
   - ITEC 5000 [0.5] Analytical Methods for Information Technology
2. 0.0 credit in:
   - ITEC 5001 [0.0] Information Technology Seminars
3. 1.5 credits from core courses:
   - ITEC 5200 [0.5] Entertainment Technologies
   - ITEC 5201 [0.5] Computer Animation Technologies
   - ITEC 5202 [0.5] Visual Effects Technologies
   - ITEC 5203 [0.5] Game Design and Development Technologies
   - ITEC 5204 [0.5] Emerging Interaction Techniques
   - ITEC 5920 [0.5] Selected Topics in Digital Media
4. 0.5 credit in electives, which may include up to 0.5 credit from a fourth-year course with the approval of the supervisor or the associate director of graduate studies.
5. 2.5 credits in:
   - ITEC 5909 [2.5] Master's Thesis

Total Credits 5.0

Master of Information Technology: Digital Media with Specialization in Data Science (5.0 credits)

Requirements:
1. 0.5 credit in:
   - DATA 5000 [0.5] Data Science Seminar
2. 0.5 credit in:
   - ITEC 5000 [0.5] Analytical Methods for Information Technology
3. 1.0 credit from core courses:
   - ITEC 5200 [0.5] Entertainment Technologies
   - ITEC 5201 [0.5] Computer Animation Technologies
   - ITEC 5202 [0.5] Visual Effects Technologies
   - ITEC 5203 [0.5] Game Design and Development Technologies
   - ITEC 5204 [0.5] Emerging Interaction Techniques
   - ITEC 5920 [0.5] Selected Topics in Digital Media
4. 0.5 credit in electives, which may include ITEC courses or any other 5000- or 4000-level courses from other departments or programs selected in consultation with the supervisor.
5. 2.5 credits in:
   - ITEC 5909 [2.5] Master's Thesis

Total Credits 5.0

Master of Information Technology: Network Technology (5.0 credits)

Requirements - Project pathway:
1. 0.5 credit in:
   - ITEC 5000 [0.5] Analytical Methods for Information Technology
2. 0.0 credit in:
   - ITEC 5001 [0.0] Information Technology Seminars
3. 2.0 credits from:
   - ITEC 5100 [0.5] Planning and Design of Computer Networks
   - ITEC 5101 [0.5] Cross Layer Design for Wireless Multimedia Networks
   - ITEC 5102 [0.5] Designing Secure Networking and Computer Systems
   - ITEC 5103 [0.5] Cloud and Datacentre Networking
   - ITEC 5910 [0.5] Selected Topics in Network Technologies
4. 1.0 credit in:
   - ITEC 5905 [1.0] Network Technology Project
5. 1.5 credit in electives, which may include up to 0.5 credit from a fourth-year course with the approval of the supervisor or the associate director of graduate studies.

Total Credits 5.0

Requirements - Thesis pathway:
1. 0.5 credit in:
   - ITEC 5000 [0.5] Analytical Methods for Information Technology
2. 0.0 credit in:
   - ITEC 5001 [0.0] Information Technology Seminars
3. 1.5 credits from:
   - ITEC 5100 [0.5] Planning and Design of Computer Networks
   - ITEC 5101 [0.5] Cross Layer Design for Wireless Multimedia Networks
   - ITEC 5102 [0.5] Designing Secure Networking and Computer Systems
   - ITEC 5103 [0.5] Cloud and Datacentre Networking
   - ITEC 5910 [0.5] Selected Topics in Network Technologies
4. 0.5 credit in electives, which may include ITEC 5900 or up to 0.5 credit at the fourth year, with the approval of the supervisor or the associate director of graduate studies.
5. 2.5 credits in:
   - ITEC 5909 [2.5] Master's Thesis

Total Credits 5.0

Ph.D. Information Technology (10.0 credits)

Requirements:
1. 0.5 credit in:
   - ITEC 6200 [0.5] Introduction to Interdisciplinary Research in Information Technology

Note: No additional IT seminar requirements for this stream.

ITEC 5909 [2.5] Master's Thesis (in the specialization)
2. **1.0 credit in** two courses, at least one of which must be from a different discipline than that of the degree and approved by the supervisor.  

3. **0.0 credit in:**  
   - ITEC 5001 [0.0] Information Technology Seminars

4. **0.0 credit in:**  
   - ITEC 6907 [0.0] Doctoral Comprehensive

5. **0.0 credit in:**  
   - ITEC 6908 [0.0] Doctoral Proposal

6. **8.5 credit in:**  

**Total Credits**  

10.0

**Milestones**

**First Year:** completion of course work including ITEC 6200 [0.5].

**Second Year:** completion of ITEC 6907 [0.0] before the end of the fourth term of registration.

**Third Year:** completion of ITEC 6908 [0.0] before the end of the eighth term of registration.

**Fourth Year:** completion of ITEC 6909 Doctoral Thesis

**Regulations**

See the General Regulations section of this Calendar.

**Admission**

**M.I.T. Digital Media**

Students entering the program will have an undergraduate degree in one of the related three primary disciplines of Technology (e.g., Computer Science/Engineering and Information Technology), Content (e.g., Arts and Humanities), and People (e.g., Psychology, Communication and Business).

**Accelerated Pathway Digital Media**

The accelerated pathway in the Master of Information Technology - Digital Media (MIT-DM) is a flexible and individualized plan of graduate study. Students in their final year of a Carleton BIT IMD and IRM degree with demonstrated academic excellence and aptitude for research may qualify for this option.

Students in their third-year of study in the BIT IMD and IRM degree should consult with both their Undergraduate Program Coordinator and the Associate Chair for Graduate Studies to determine if the accelerated pathway is appropriate for them and to confirm their selection of courses for their final year of undergraduate studies.

**Accelerated Pathway Requirements:**

1. At least 0.5 credit from: ITEC 5110, ITEC 5111, ITEC 5112, ITEC 5113, ITEC 5114 with a grade of B+ or higher;
2. Minimum overall CGPA of A-.

Students may receive advanced standing with transfer of up to 1.0 credit, which can reduce their time to completion.

**Admission**

Applicants to this program will normally hold a Master's degree in one of the three related disciplines (Technology, Content, and People) but demonstrate the ability to work in multi-disciplinary groups and have some general technology (digital media) background.

Applicants judged to be generally acceptable but deficient in some preparation may be asked to complete course work in addition to the program requirements.

In addition to transcripts and letters of reference, application packages will include a statement of interest outlining the applicant's proposed area of research.

**Information Technology (ITEC) Courses**

**ITEC 5000 [0.5 credit]**

Analytical Methods for Information Technology  
Analytical techniques for algorithms, data structures, statistical analysis methods for IT problems, research methods, and research writing.

**ITEC 5001 [0.0 credit]**

Information Technology Seminars  
A seminar based course where the students make the presentations and participate in discussions. Some seminars done by guest lecturers. Graded Sat/Uns. Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

**ITEC 5001 [0.0 credit]**

Planning and Design of Computer Networks  
Planning process of computer networks; needs and technical requirements; modeling of different network planning problems; exact and approximate algorithms; topological planning and expansion problems; equipment (switch, router) location problem; approximate and optimal routing algorithms; presentation of various case studies. Includes: Experiential Learning Activity
ITEC 5101 [0.5 credit]  
Cross Layer Design for Wireless Multimedia Networks  
Quality of service measures at different layers. Parameter adaptation, trade-offs, and optimization at physical, data-link, network, transport, and application layers. Cross-layer design in cellular, ad hoc, sensor, local area, green, and cognitive radio networks.

ITEC 5102 [0.5 credit]  
Designing Secure Networking and Computer Systems  
Network security with coverage of computer security in support of networking concepts. Security issues in data networks at different protocol layers. Routing security, worm attacks, and botnets. Security of new mobile networks and emerging networked paradigms such as social networks and cloud computing.

ITEC 5103 [0.5 credit]  
Cloud and Datacentre Networking  
Special issues of the networking requirements in datacentres and cloud computing environments. Performance, power requirements, redundancy of datacentre networks.

ITEC 5110 [0.5 credit]  
Emerging Network Technologies  
Overview of technologies, protocols and techniques related to Information Technology networking that are either in their early stage of adoption or are not yet mainstream (i.e. beta or prototype stage). Focus will vary from year to year to reflect the evolutionary nature of this domain.  
Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as NET 4000, for which additional credit is precluded.

ITEC 5111 [0.5 credit]  
Multimedia Networking  
Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as NET 4007, for which additional credit is precluded.

ITEC 5112 [0.5 credit]  
Secure Mobile Networking  
The concept, principle and rationale of mobile networking. Mobile network architecture, protocols, mobility management, routing and mobile TCP/IP; Security challenges, vulnerabilities and threats in mobile networks; Security defense techniques and countermeasures in mobile networks.  
Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as NET 4010, for which additional credit is precluded.

ITEC 5113 [0.5 credit]  
Network Simulation  
Introduction to discrete event simulation; fundamental stochastic models for networking; queueing theory; deterministic algorithms for networking; confidence intervals; introduction to network modeling. Simulation exercises including traffic monitoring, congestion, routing protocols, resource utilization and growth planning using OPNET simulation tool.  
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity  
Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as NET 4001, for which additional credit is precluded.

ITEC 5114 [0.5 credit]  
Networked Applications  
Architectures for computing in modern data networks that adopt the Internet architecture. Topics covered include socket programming, RPC and RMI. Client-server and peer-to-peer models. Emerging application architectures.  
Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as NET 4005, for which additional credit is precluded.

ITEC 5200 [0.5 credit]  
Entertainment Technologies  
Advanced topics in entertainment technologies including web-based, film and television, video games and interactive systems.

ITEC 5201 [0.5 credit]  
Computer Animation Technologies  
Advanced topics in computer animation: full body motion capture, space-time systems, physics-based animation, realistic rendering techniques, industry methods for large scene animations and live action integration; behavioural animation.

ITEC 5202 [0.5 credit]  
Visual Effects Technologies  
Advanced look at the processes and technologies in visual effects, specifically in advanced processing of virtual sets (e.g. using chroma-keying), lighting and colour integration, filming technologies, motion tracking, and the integration of 3D objects/elements into real scenes.

ITEC 5203 [0.5 credit]  
Game Design and Development Technologies  
Advanced technologies in the development of computer game systems and gaming experiences; the production process from idea to design: story, level, and character development. Games, game engine, theory and methodology.

ITEC 5204 [0.5 credit]  
Emerging Interaction Techniques  
Advanced interaction styles and their associated technologies. Topics may include hand held and gestural interactions, ubiquitous computing, deformable user interfaces, physiological computing and tangible user interfaces.  
Also listed as HCIN 5300.
ITEC 5205 [0.5 credit]
Design and Development of Data-Intensive Applications
Design and development of data-intensive applications dealing with large-scale data. Data may include spatial data, time series, text, social media and different forms of digital media. Data modeling and management techniques will be discussed that enhance data analysis techniques and improve data-intensive applications.

ITEC 5206 [0.5 credit]
Data Protection and Rights Management
Understanding how to use technology to implement data privacy, security, protection and related legal issues. Insights on how to develop systems for managing digital rights, data privacy rules, laws or policies relevant to different jurisdictions, rights, and responsibilities for protecting data and personal information.

ITEC 5207 [0.5 credit]
Data Interaction Techniques
Design and development of how humans (e.g., end-users, knowledge-users and expert-users) interact with data ecosystem like data collection, storage, analysis and visualization. Techniques, methods and tools will be discussed on how humans interact with data based on capabilities of machines and needs of humans.

ITEC 5900 [0.5 credit]
Directed Studies
A course of independent study that fits the student's area of interest under the supervision of a faculty member of the School.

ITEC 5905 [1.0 credit]
Network Technology Project
Students pursuing this degree will conduct a networking study, analysis, and/or design project under the supervision of a faculty member in the area of networks. Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

ITEC 5909 [2.5 credits]
Master's Thesis
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

ITEC 5910 [0.5 credit]
Selected Topics in Network Technologies
Recent and advanced topics in network technologies. Trends in wireless networking, software defined networks, power-line networking. Students may be expected to contribute to lectures or seminars on selected topics.

ITEC 5920 [0.5 credit]
Selected Topics in Digital Media
Recent and advanced topics in Digital Media. Students may be expected to contribute to lectures or seminars on selected topics.

ITEC 6200 [0.5 credit]
Introduction to Interdisciplinary Research in Information Technology
Introduction to concepts and practices for research in Information Technology. Understanding the defining properties of computer-based systems and related technologies. Emphasis on bringing together skills related to technology, people and content in order to solve problems and explore new possibilities.

ITEC 6900 [0.5 credit]
Directed Studies
A course of independent study that fits the student's area of interest under the supervision of a faculty member of the School.

ITEC 6907 [0.0 credit]
Doctoral Comprehensive
Ph.D. comprehensive examination in the student's field. The exam consists of a written submission and an oral examination.

ITEC 6908 [0.0 credit]
Doctoral Proposal
Ph.D. thesis proposal. Defending a proposal consists of a written submission and an oral examination. Prerequisite(s): ITEC 6907 and permission of the School.

ITEC 6909 [8.5 credits]
Doctoral Thesis
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity
Prerequisite(s): ITEC 6908 and permission of the School.

ITEC 6920 [0.5 credit]
Selected Topics in Digital Media
Recent and advanced topics in Digital Media. Students are expected to contribute to lectures or seminars.

Summer session: some of the courses listed in this Calendar are offered during the summer. Hours and scheduling for summer session courses will differ significantly from those reported in the fall/winter Calendar. To determine the scheduling and hours for summer session classes, consult the class schedule at central.carleton.ca

Not all courses listed are offered in a given year. For an up-to-date statement of course offerings for the current session and to determine the term of offering, consult the class schedule at central.carleton.ca