

Information Technology

This section presents the requirements for programs in:

- **M.A.Sc. Digital Media**
- **M.A.Sc. Digital Media with Collaborative Specialization in Cybersecurity**
- **M.A.Sc. Digital Media with Collaborative Specialization in Data Science**
- **M.A.Sc. Networking Technology**
- **M.A.Sc. Networking Technology with Collaborative Specialization in Cybersecurity**
- **Master of Networking Technology**
- **Master of Networking Technology with Collaborative Specialization in Cybersecurity**
- **Ph.D. Information Technology**

Program Requirements

M.A.Sc. Digital Media (5.0 credits)

Requirements:

1. 0.5 credit in:	0.5
ITEC 5002 [0.5]	Fundamentals of Information Technology Research
2. 0.0 credit in:	
ITEC 5001 [0.0]	Information Technology Seminars
3. 1.5 credits from core courses (For students admitted to 4.0-credit program, 1.0 credit):	1.5
ITEC 5010 [0.5]	Applied Programming I
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 5205 [0.5]	Design and Development of Data-Intensive Applications
ITEC 5206 [0.5]	Data Protection and Rights Management
ITEC 5207 [0.5]	Data Interaction Techniques
ITEC 5208 [0.5]	Virtual Reality and 3D User Interfaces
ITEC 5920 [0.5]	Special Topics in Digital Media
4. 0.5 credit in electives, which may include up to 0.5 credit from a 4000-level course, or a 0.5 credit graduate course from another discipline, with permission from their graduate supervisor or the Associate Director of Graduate Studies in the School.	0.5
5. 2.5 credits in:	2.5
ITEC 5909 [2.5]	Master's Thesis
Total Credits	5.0

M.A.Sc. Digital Media with Collaborative Specialization in Cybersecurity (5.0 credits)

Requirements:

1. 1.0 credit in:	1.0
CYBR 5000 [1.0]	Science and Social Science of Cybersecurity

2. 0.5 credit in:	0.5
ITEC 5002 [0.5]	Fundamentals of Information Technology Research
3. 0.0 credit in:	
ITEC 5001 [0.0]	Information Technology Seminars
4. 1.0 credit from core courses:	1.0
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 5205 [0.5]	Design and Development of Data-Intensive Applications
ITEC 5206 [0.5]	Data Protection and Rights Management
ITEC 5207 [0.5]	Data Interaction Techniques
ITEC 5208 [0.5]	Virtual Reality and 3D User Interfaces
ITEC 5920 [0.5]	Special Topics in Digital Media
5. 2.5 credits in:	2.5
ITEC 5909 [2.5]	Master's Thesis (in the specialization)
Total Credits	5.0

M.A.Sc. Digital Media with Collaborative Specialization in Data Science (5.0 credits)

Requirements:

1. 0.5 credit in:	0.5
DATA 5000 [0.5]	Data Science Seminar
2. 0.5 credit in:	0.5
ITEC 5002 [0.5]	Fundamentals of Information Technology Research
3. 1.0 credit from core courses:	1.0
ITEC 5010 [0.5]	Applied Programming I
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 5205 [0.5]	Design and Development of Data-Intensive Applications
ITEC 5206 [0.5]	Data Protection and Rights Management
ITEC 5207 [0.5]	Data Interaction Techniques
ITEC 5208 [0.5]	Virtual Reality and 3D User Interfaces
ITEC 5920 [0.5]	Special Topics in Digital Media
4. 0.5 credit in electives, which may include up to 0.5 credit from a 4000-level course, or a 0.5 credit graduate course from another discipline, with permission from their graduate supervisor or the Associate Director of Graduate Studies in the School.	0.5
5. 2.5 credits in:	2.5
ITEC 5909 [2.5]	Master's Thesis (in the specialization)
Total Credits	5.0

Note: No additional IT seminar requirements for this stream.

M.A.Sc. Networking Technology (5.0 credits)

Requirements:

1. 0.5 credit in:	0.5
ITEC 5002 [0.5]	Fundamentals of Information Technology Research
2. 0.0 credit in:	
ITEC 5001 [0.0]	Information Technology Seminars
3. 1.5 credits from core courses (For students admitted to 4.0-credit program, 1.0 credit):	1.5
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 5205 [0.5]	Design and Development of Data-Intensive Applications
ITEC 5910 [0.5]	Special Topics in Network Technologies
4. 0.5 credit in electives at the 5000-level, chosen in consultation with your graduate advisor/supervisor or the Associate Director of Graduate Studies in the School.	0.5
5. 2.5 credits in:	2.5
ITEC 5909 [2.5]	Master's Thesis
Total Credits	5.0

M.A.Sc. Networking Technology with Collaborative Specialization in Cybersecurity (5.0 credits)

Requirements:

1. 1.0 credit in:	1.0
CYBR 5000 [1.0]	Science and Social Science of Cybersecurity
2. 0.5 credit in:	0.5
ITEC 5002 [0.5]	Fundamentals of Information Technology Research
3. 0.0 credit in:	
ITEC 5001 [0.0]	Information Technology Seminars
4. 1.0 credit from core courses:	1.0
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 5205 [0.5]	Design and Development of Data-Intensive Applications
ITEC 5910 [0.5]	Special Topics in Network Technologies
5. 2.5 credits in:	2.5
ITEC 5909 [2.5]	Master's Thesis (in the area of the specialization)
Total Credits	5.0

Master of Networking Technology (5.0 credits)

Requirements:

1. 0.5 credit in:	0.5
ITEC 5002 [0.5]	Fundamentals of Information Technology Research
2. 0.0 credit in:	
ITEC 5001 [0.0]	Information Technology Seminars
3. 2.5 credits from core courses:	2.5
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 5205 [0.5]	Design and Development of Data-Intensive Applications
ITEC 5910 [0.5]	Special Topics in Network Technologies
4. 2.0 credit in electives at the 5000-level, chosen in consultation with your graduate advisor/supervisor or the Associate Director of Graduate Studies in the School.	2.0
Total Credits	5.0

Master of Networking Technology with Collaborative Specialization in Cybersecurity (5.0 credits)

Requirements:

1. 1.0 credit in:	1.0
CYBR 5000 [1.0]	Science and Social Science of Cybersecurity
2. 0.5 credit in:	0.5
ITEC 5002 [0.5]	Fundamentals of Information Technology Research
3. 0.0 credit in:	
ITEC 5001 [0.0]	Information Technology Seminars
4. 2.0 credits from core courses:	2.0
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 5205 [0.5]	Design and Development of Data-Intensive Applications
ITEC 5910 [0.5]	Special Topics in Network Technologies
5. 0.5 credit in the area of the specialization, approved by the graduate supervisor or the Associate Director of Graduate Studies in the School.	0.5
6. 1.0 credit in electives at the 5000-level, chosen in consultation with your graduate advisor/supervisor or the Associate Director of Graduate Studies in the School.	1.0
Total Credits	5.0

Ph.D. Information Technology (1.5 credits)

Requirements:

1. 1.5 credits in ITEC courses, approved by the graduate supervisor. May include up to 0.5 credit in another discipline, with approval from the graduate supervisor.	1.5
2. 0.0 credit in:	0.0
ITEC 5001 [0.0] Information Technology Seminars	
3. 0.0 credit in:	0.0
ITEC 6907 [0.0] Doctoral Qualifying Examination	
4. 0.0 credit in:	0.0
ITEC 6908 [0.0] Doctoral Proposal	
5. 0.0 credit in:	
ITEC 6909 [0.0] Doctoral Thesis	
Total Credits	1.5

Milestones

For full-time students:

First Year: completion of ITEC 6907 [0.0] before the end of the third term of registration.

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

For part-time students:

Completion of ITEC 6907 [0.0] before the end of the fifth term of registration, and completion of ITEC 6908 [0.0] by the end of the thirteenth term of registration.

Regulations

See the General Regulations section of this Calendar.

Regularly Scheduled Break

For immigration purposes, the summer term (May to August) for the M.I.T. Network Technology (coursework pathway only) is considered a regularly scheduled break approved by the University. Students should resume full-time studies in September.

Note: a Regularly Scheduled Break as described for immigration purposes does not supersede the requirement for continuous registration in Thesis, Research Essay, or Independent Research Project as described in Section 8.2 of the Graduate General Regulations.

Admission

M.A.Sc. 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).

All students will apply for the 5.0-credit M.A.Sc. Digital Media. Applicants with substantial professional experience in digital media in Canada may be considered for admission to professional entry, requiring them to complete 4.0 credits, to be determined by the School of Information Technology and the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs.

Accelerated Pathway Digital Media

The accelerated pathway in the M.A.Sc. Digital Media is a flexible and individualized plan of graduate study. Students

in their final year of any relevant Carleton undergrad degree with demonstrated academic excellence and aptitude for research may qualify for this option.

Students in their third year of study should consult with both their Academic Advisor and the Associate Director 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 in one of the following courses ITEC 52XX or ITEC 5920 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.

M.A.Sc. Networking Technology

M. Networking Technology

Students entering the program will have an undergraduate degree in network technology, electrical engineering, computer science, engineering, or a closely-related discipline.

All students will apply for the 5.0-credit program. Applicants with substantial professional experience in network technology in Canada may be considered for admission to professional entry, requiring them to complete 4.0 credits, to be determined by the School of Information Technology and the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs.

Accelerated Pathway Network Technology

The accelerated pathway in the M.A.Sc. Networking Technology and M. Networking Technology is a flexible and individualized plan of graduate study. Students in their final year of a Carleton BIT Network Technology degree with demonstrated academic excellence and aptitude for research may qualify for this option.

Students in their third year of study in the BIT Network Technology 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 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 5002 [0.5 credit]

Fundamentals of Information Technology Research

Basic concepts and techniques in information technology, including information systems, algorithms and software development process, research methods, and research and technical writing.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Precludes additional credit for ITEC 5000 (no longer offered).

ITEC 5010 [0.5 credit]

Applied Programming I

Algorithm design and computer programming with practical industry problems in information technology. Topics include algorithms and pseudocode, programming fundamentals, memory operations, data structures, object oriented programming, program design, testing and debugging.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

ITEC 5100 [0.5 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.

Prerequisite(s): permission of the graduate supervisor.

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

Audio and video compression. H.261, JPEG, MPEG and DVI. Accessing audio and video from a web server. Real Time Streaming Protocol (RTSP). Multimedia operating systems. Multimedia database. Network support for multimedia applications. Multimedia synchronization.

Prerequisite(s): permission of the graduate supervisor.

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.

Prerequisite(s): permission of the graduate supervisor.

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

Prerequisite(s): permission of the graduate supervisor.

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. Prerequisite(s): permission of the graduate supervisor. 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 gameplay experiences, focused on Procedural Content Generation. Automatic or semi-automatic methods for producing game levels, objects, characters, and narratives.

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. Precludes additional credit for DATA 5002.

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 5208 [0.5 credit]**Virtual Reality and 3D User Interfaces**

Research in and design of virtual reality and 3D systems. Applications, history, human factors, display and input hardware, and interaction techniques for navigation, selection and manipulation. Students develop and evaluate a VR or 3D system using game engines and devices such as head-mounted displays. Includes: Experiential Learning Activity. Also listed as HCIN 5501.

ITEC 5209 [0.5 credit]**Empirical Research Methods in HCI**

Advanced quantitative methods and conducting controlled user studies, statistically analyzing and reporting results in a research paper. Topics include history of empirical HCI, experiment design, hypothesis testing, interaction models, and scientific writing. Students complete a term-long research project.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as ITEC 4021, for which additional credit is precluded.

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 5909 [2.5 credits]**Master's Thesis**

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

ITEC 5910 [0.5 credit]**Special 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.

ITEC 5920 [0.5 credit]**Special Topics in Digital Media**

Recent and advanced topics in Digital Media. Students may be expected to contribute to lectures or seminars.

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 Qualifying Examination**

Ph.D. qualifying 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 [0.0 credit]**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.