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Master of Science in Information Technology (MSIT)
Part-time and Distance Study

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Agenda

• Carnegie Mellon University & Heinz College
• MSIT Program Overview
• Admissions & Financial Aid
About Carnegie Mellon and Heinz College...

- Main campus in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 12,000 students at CMU
- 1,500 students at Heinz College
  - 175 students MSIT
- Interdisciplinary strengths
  - Computer science and engineering
  - Information Security
  - Management and policy
  - Data analytics
Master of Science in Information Technology (MSIT)

Part-time Evening and Distance Programs* for Experienced IT Professionals

*This presentation is not intended for potential students to our customized programs for General Motors employees or our dual degree program with Tec de Monterrey. Nor does this information apply to other CMU departments offering other MSIT degrees.

Allison Frankoski, Program Director
• Builds strong **technical, analytical and quantitative** skills

• Application of those skills from a **strategic management and policy** perspective within IT and analytics domains

• **Practical, relevant coursework**; immediate ROI as you apply learning at your job

• Develops leaders who can **apply technology in innovative ways** to achieve business and organizational goals

**HEINZ COLLEGE- Integrated ISM curriculum**

**School of Information Systems and Management**
MSIT Degrees Available for Open Enrollment*:

- **MSIT-IT Management** *(evening, distance)*
- **MSIT-Information Security & Assurance** *(evening, distance)*
- **MSIT-Software Design & Management** *(evening only)*
  
  → *For a distance option, see the School of Computer Science.*

- **MSIT-Business Intelligence & Data Analytics**
  
  → *Newest degree, launched in 2014 – primarily distance*

* Must pick degree and primary delivery mode/location during application phase.
Evening students may need to take an occasional distance class to fulfill core course requirements.
The Heinz MSIT Offers...

- **Part-time only programs designed for the experienced IT professional**
  - Relevant work experience is essential
  - **Evening and distance formats**
    - Remain employed while completing your graduate degree from Pittsburgh or anywhere in the world, except Alabama, Arkansas and Minnesota.
  - **Not a cohort or lock-step program**
    - Begin in any semester (*January, May, and August*)
    - Choose the course(s) and credit load that works best for you
  - **Flexible curriculum**
    - Small set of core specific to your degree
    - More than half the program open as electives to fill in work/education gaps to date and direct your career path going forward.
Flexible & customizable

- **60 units core** (degree-specific) + **84 units electives = 144 units total**
  - 1 unit ≠ 1 credit! 1 semester-long class = 12 units (equivalent to 4 credits)

- **No thesis** or capstone project required
  - Practice and apply on the job as you go through the degree program

- MSIT allows **core exemptions** and **transfer credit** (evaluated after admission)
  - Either of these can change the 60/84 distribution

- **Graduate within 2-3 years of PART-TIME study;** maximum 5 years
  - Classes offered year round in 3 semesters
  - We offer 6 unit and 12 unit courses ; may take 0-30 units per semester
  - Each course will expect on average 12 hours of your time/effort each week, including 3 hours of lecture per week
  - Students applying for **federal student loans must take at least 18 units** to qualify for “half-time status”
## MSIT Core Courses by Degree (60 units)

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<th>MSIT-Information Technology Management (evening &amp; distance)</th>
<th>MSIT-Information Security and Assurance (evening &amp; distance)</th>
<th>MSIT-Business Intelligence and Data Analytics (evening &amp; Analytics)</th>
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<td>95-703 Database Management (12 units)</td>
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<td>95-712/95-807 Object Oriented Programming in Java (12u)</td>
<td>95-752 Intro to Information Security Management (12u)</td>
<td>95-796 Statistics for IT Managers (6u)</td>
<td>95-771 Data Structures and Algorithms (12u)</td>
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<td>95-705 Telecommunications Management (12u)</td>
<td>*95-758 Network and Internet Security (12u)</td>
<td>95-797 Data Warehousing (6u)</td>
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<td>95-730 E-Business Technology and Management (12u)</td>
<td>*95-748 Software and Security (6u)</td>
<td>95-868 Exploring and Visualizing Data using R (6u)</td>
<td>95-808 IT Project Management (6u)</td>
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<td>*95-755 Info Security Risk Management I (6u)</td>
<td>95-791 Data Mining (6u)</td>
<td>17-653 Managing Software Development (12u)</td>
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<td>95-808 IT Project Management (6u)</td>
<td>94-806 Privacy in the Digital Age (6u)</td>
<td>95-852 Applied Data Science (6u)</td>
<td>17-655 Architectures for Software Systems (12u)</td>
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<td>*95-744 Info Security Policy &amp; Governance (6u)</td>
<td>95-866 Advanced Business Analytics (capstone class) (6u)</td>
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- * New security core changes effective January 2016
- ** For a distance option in the software engineering area, see the School of Computer Science.
## MSIT Sample Electives* (pick 84 units)

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<th>Focus on Policy /Management</th>
<th>Other Elective Options</th>
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<td>95-774 Business Process Modeling</td>
<td>95-794 Tech Startup: Tools and Techniques</td>
<td>Independent study – create your own course, up to 12 units</td>
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<td>95-797 Data Warehousing</td>
<td>95-833 or 95-837 Global IT Management &amp; Sourcing</td>
<td>Core courses from other MSIT degrees <em>(does not give 2nd degree!)</em></td>
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<td>95-781 Advanced Database Management</td>
<td>95-722 Digital Transformation 94-702 Professional Writing</td>
<td>Distance courses from HCI &amp; Software Engineering departments</td>
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<td>94-802 Geographic Information Systems</td>
<td>95-760 Decision Making Under Uncertainty</td>
<td>Campus students can take grad classes in other CMU departments</td>
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<td>95-831 Enterprise Architectures</td>
<td>95-715 Financial Accounting 94-811 Strategy Development</td>
<td>Up to 24 units of transfer credit from prior graduate work</td>
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<td>95-799 Linux &amp; Open Source</td>
<td>95-872 Art &amp; Science of Business Analytics</td>
<td>UPMC Employees: advanced standing for prior completion of the UPMC-BIDA Certificate with Heinz</td>
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* See entire Heinz College Course Catalog at: [http://www.heinz.cmu.edu/academic-resources/course-results/index.aspx](http://www.heinz.cmu.edu/academic-resources/course-results/index.aspx). There is a PDF on that page for distance only.
MSIT Course Delivery Format:

- Choose Evening or Distance mode during application
  - Hybrid? Apply to mode you’ll be in predominantly – we’ll work with you during enrollment to accommodate the other mode.

- Evening Program
  - Classes held one night per week, 6-9 PM, Monday-Thursday
  - **New 4:30-6 PM time slot added with classes twice per week (Mon/Wed or Tues/Thur).**
  - You can take other daytime classes (9 AM-4:30 PM) if your work schedule permits.
  - Limited number of core may need to be done by distance learning.
  - Hamburg Hall has **free parking and bus/shuttle stops** right by our building for easy commuting. Your campus student ID includes PAT bus privileges.
  - View previous class schedules at [http://www.heinz.cmu.edu/academic-resources/course-schedules/index.aspx](http://www.heinz.cmu.edu/academic-resources/course-schedules/index.aspx). This will give you sense about typical evening course offerings.
MSIT Course Delivery Format:

- **Distance Program**
  - **No campus residency required** – but visit whenever you can!
    - Admissions office [Visitation Weekends](#) or schedule personal campus visit
    - Regional networking receptions through [CMU Connect](#)
    - Represent your company at [campus recruiting](#) events
    - [Summer Leadership Symposium](#) – this annual June event is just for MSIT students and alumni
    - [Walk in Commencement](#) to celebrate your graduation – ceremony held each May
  - **Campus lecture capture** technology – multimedia DVD or streamed for on-demand viewing
  - **Asynchronous** – lectures are available anytime/anywhere; they are not live classes
  - **Live chats or web conferences** may be required – guest speakers, student presentations, etc.
  - Use [Blackboard](#) as virtual classroom space, communications and transmitting assignments
  - **Faculty same as on-campus** - tenured, full-time, adjuncts, and industry speakers
  - Expect to do same kinds of assessments as on campus students
MSIT Reputation

- **Heinz College ranked #1 in IT Management** specialty graduate programs ~ *U.S. News & World Report, since 2005*
- **MSIT ranked #1 Online Masters in IT** by [www.thebestschools.org](http://www.thebestschools.org), October 2012
- **Military Friendly School** by *G.I. Jobs, since 2008*
  - *MSIT offers special tuition scholarships to govt/military students*
  - *We participate in GI Bill/Yellow Ribbon and Tuition Assistance (TA) programs*
- CMU is a designated **Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education** by NSA and DHS and we’re fortunate to have **CERT** on our campus and their technical staff teaching our classes.
- **Network with and learn from MSIT Students and Alumni**
  - 30 campus and 180 distance current students; over 500 MSIT alumni
  - *Alumni lifelong learning – non degree courses at 50% off tuition rate post graduation*
- **Sample of where MSIT students and alumni work:**
  - Automotive
  - Financial Services
  - Consulting
  - Energy
  - Higher Education
  - Healthcare
  - Technology
  - Alcoa
  - Amazon
  - Boeing
  - BNY Mellon
  - Cisco Systems
  - Equitable Resources
  - FedEx
  - General Motors
  - Highmark
  - IBM
  - Intel Corporation
  - Lockheed Martin
  - Microsoft
  - Oracle
  - Qualcomm
  - U.S. Military & Govt Agencies
  - UPMC
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Admissions and Financial Aid
Relevant, professional, post-undergrad work experience is required.

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<th>Program</th>
<th>Minimum Work Experience Required</th>
<th>Average Work Experience – Admitted Students*</th>
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<td>MSIT</td>
<td>3 years</td>
<td>10.6 years</td>
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How to Apply

• 3 letters of recommendation
  - All Professional OK
  - Academic (only if recent and relevant)
• Official transcripts
  - from all university/college-level coursework
  - must show date and title of degree(s), course names and grades (or marks)
  - US transcripts must be delivered in envelope **sealed by registrar**
  - International transcripts must be delivered through a transcript verification service (such as WES or ECE)
  - Please check the undergrad level programming requirement for your track
• Official GRE/GMAT scores

*GM Employees – contact TEP before applying to MSIT*
How to Apply (continued)

• TOEFL or IELTS: required for non-native English speakers with less than 5 years in US, UK, Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, Canada, South Africa

• Resume
  - Include all work experience and education, chronologically
  - Include volunteer/other experiences, leadership positions

• Essay
  - Background and career goals
  - How this program will help you achieve your goals

• Video Essay (optional, recommended if you never meet us)
• Optional Essay (written)
• Live Interviews (optional unless requested by admission committee)
Characteristics of Successful Applicants

- Commitment, leadership
- Clearly defined goals for graduate education
- Relevant experience* and/or previous education
- Competitive test scores
- Demonstrated potential for academic success

* Details regarding work experience requirement on next slide…
## Application Deadline

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<td>January</td>
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<td>August</td>
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Most students receive a scholarship

- Government or Non-Profit Employment Scholarships
- U.S. Military Veterans Scholarships
- Regional Leader Scholarships
- MSIT-Women in Technology Fellowship
- MSIT Program Scholarship
- Yellow Ribbon Program/Veterans Benefits
- External Scholarships
  - Search www.cmu.edu/fso or www.fastweb.com

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Financial Aid representatives are available to help you

• U.S. Federal Aid (18 units/semester minimum)
• Private loans
• TMS Payment Plan
• Heinz College Financial Aid representatives
  • Accessible
  • Experienced
  • Knowledgeable

Contact Financial Aid:
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