

# Degree Requirements

## Master of Science in Information Technology



The MS in Information Technology requires a minimum of 30 credit hours. These credit hours must include the following:

- 30 credit hours and a portfolio, or
- 30 credit hours including the required applied project course (IFT 593)

### Coursework

#### Core Courses (12 credit hours)\*\*

- IFT 510 Principles of Computer and Information Technology Architecture (3)
- IFT 520 Advanced Information Systems Security (3)
- IFT 530 Advanced Database Management Systems (3)
- IFT 540 Information Systems Development (3)

#### Focus Area Courses (12-15 credit hours from one of the following focus areas)\*\*

##### *Computer Architecture and Information Security*

- IFT 598 System Administration of UNIX *IFT 488* (3)
- IFT 598 Security Analysis I *IFT 475* (3)
- IFT 598 Developing Security Policy *IFT 483* (3)
- IFT 598 Managing Intelligent Devices (IoT) in an Enterprise Environment (3)

##### *Information Systems Management and Systems Development*

- IFT 598 Managing the Cloud *IFT 472* (3)
- IFT 598 Analyzing Big Data *IFT 443* (3)
- IFT 598 Middleware Programming and Database Security *IFT 458* (3)
- IFT 598 Advanced Analytics for Big Data/AI (3)
  - \*Must have first completed *IFT 443/598 Analyzing Big Data*
- IFT 598 - Natural Language Processing
- IFT 598 - Data Visualization & Reporting for IT
- SER 501 Advanced Data Structures and Algorithms (3)
  - \*Override request required, request not guaranteed ([CIDSE override request policy](#))

*A maximum of 6 credits from CSE or SER can apply towards the MS IT program as a focus area and/or elective course.*

#### Elective (3 credit hours)

IFT, CSE, or SER 500 level course. *The course must be on an approved plan of study for it to apply to the MS IT program.*

#### Culminating Experience (0-3 credits)

- Portfolio (0 credits)
- IFT 593 Applied Project (3 credits)

*\*\*Courses are subject to change and are not typically offered every semester. See program website, graduate advising, or department with questions.*