

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS: NETWORKING, AS

Program code: CISN-AS

Location: Gateway, Middlesex, Naugatuck Valley, Northwestern, Tunxis

Program Description

The Computer Information Systems (CIS) degree program offers students a diverse technical curriculum that provides an understanding of many areas of information technology (IT). The program features a core of technical courses that cover topics such as database design, operating systems, and project management, and differentiated options that allow students to concentrate their learning in a particular area.

Students also have an opportunity to experience the workplace in an internship course, or via a simulated workplace capstone that allows them to work directly with employers or in a case study environment. They can leverage the skills acquired in this diverse program to prepare for employment, industry-recognized certification credentials or to pursue baccalaureate degrees. The CIS program allows students to tailor their degree to their interests by offering a wide range of electives. Certificates are also provided as a guide to assist students in the selection of electives.

Learning Outcomes

- Develop the ability to analyze and design solutions through knowledge and comprehension of information systems concepts and skills.
- Develop strategic and critical thinking skills through development of the ability to identify, gather, measure, summarize, verify, analyze, design, develop and test programs.
- Develop the ability to identify and solve unstructured problems in unfamiliar settings and exercise judgment based on facts.
- Develop mastery in communication by gaining proficiency in oral/written/electronic communication skills and the ability to explain systems development concepts and related technical issues to various stakeholders.
- Develop leadership skills by learning to work collaboratively with a diverse team, including organization, control, and assessment of group-based work, and provide leadership when appropriate.
- Develop the skills to apply current technology, analyze business problems, and design software and solve technical issues; apply word processing, spreadsheet, database, presentation, email, and collaborative software skills in a professional context.
- Develop the skills to communicate using network technologies, access information via the internet, and understand information integrity and security issues.
- Understand and respect the employer-employee relationship and appreciate the need to produce high quality work.
- Demonstrate sufficient understanding of information technology for entry-level employment and advancement in the field.

Networking Option

The Networking option of the CIS degree offers training in the fundamentals in data networking and server administration. Students also learn the important skills needed to maintain secure networks.

Students are offered the additional advantage of hands-on training or simulation with state-of-the-art equipment or software that leads to industry-recognized certification.

Learning Outcomes

1. Provide the student with the personal computer skills necessary to effectively function in today's workplace.
2. Offer a "hands-on" learning experience in the personal computer networking software most commonly used in business and industry.
3. Provide the opportunity for a more advanced technical understanding of personal computer local area networks, their design, installation and management.
4. Upgrade the personal computer knowledge and skills of individuals currently employed.

Degree Requirements

CSC 1201 Introduction to Programming and CSC 2213 Object Oriented Programming are *not allowed in this program*. Students are encouraged to take CSC 1211 Java I or other programming language.

Code	Title	Credits
General Education Courses		
ENG 1010	Composition	3
MATH 1000 or higher ¹		3-4
Elective ARHX - Arts & Humanities Course		3-4
Elective SCKX - Scientific Knowledge Course or Elective SCRX - Scientific Reasoning Course		3-4
Elective SBSX - Social / Behavioral Science Course or Elective HISX - Historical Knowledge Course		3
Elective ORAX - Oral Communication Course or Elective WRIX - Written Communication II Course		3
CCS 1001	College and Career Success	3
Program Courses		
CIS 1001	Introduction to Computers	3
CIS 1211 or CSC 1231	Database Design I Database Development and Design I	3-4
CIS 1104	Introduction to Operating Systems	3
CIS 1141	Introduction to Management Information Systems	3
CIS 1143	Project Management	3
CIS 2994 or CIS 2990	Coop Ed/Work Experience Capstone Research	3
Open Elective		3-4
Specialization Courses		
CST 1221	Networking I	4
CST 2142	Windows Server Administration	4
CST 2124 or CST 1111	Voice over IP Networking Computer Hardware	3-4
CYS 2111	Network Security	3
Directed Elective ²		4-8
Total Credits		60-70

¹ MATH 1010 Intermediate Algebra recommended

² Minimum number of any CIS, CSA (excluding CSA 1110 Introduction to Software Applications), CST, CYS, DTS, CSC (excluding CSC 1201 Introduction to Programming and CSC 2213 Object Oriented

Programming) courses, needed to meet minimum total credit count of 60.

Total Credits: 60-63

There are five Associate degree options within Computer Information Systems. Students may earn only one degree but can earn additional certificates.

- Computer Information Systems: Cloud Computing
- Computer Information Systems: Cloud Computing Certificate
- Computer Information Systems: Computer Networking Certificate
- Computer Information Systems: Computer Programming Certificate
- Computer Information Systems: Data Analytics
- Computer Information Systems: Generalist
- Computer Information Systems: IT Support
- Computer Information Systems: IT Support Certificate
- Computer Information Systems: Programming