

# Become a University of Wisconsin graduate

Earn your Bachelor of Science in Information Science and Technology online through University of Wisconsin Flexible Option

In today's fast-paced world, technology is constantly evolving. A University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Information Science and Technology (IST) degree helps IT professionals thrive in this environment of rapid innovation. Immerse yourself in a skills-focused curriculum that prepares graduates to lead and build the IT solutions that corporations depend on today, such as developing mobile apps, creating online solutions, and securing networks, while imagining the innovations of tomorrow.

In this UW Flexible Option degree program, you'll be able to leverage the information science and IT knowledge and skills you've picked up on the job in order to progress through your degree more

quickly, which can save you money. And best of all, because of the online, self-paced format, you'll be able to maintain your career and personal life.

Whether you want to complete your bachelor's degree in Information Science and Technology to become a more confident IT professional, move into a new position, advance to a graduate program, or simply fulfill a requirement in your place of work, this University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee program offered through UW Flexible Option is a perfect choice for meeting your educational needs. Take control of your future with a degree in Information Science and Technology—reach out to an enrollment adviser today!

*“UW Flexible Option was the only IT degree program that offered the flexibility that I needed to finish my degree online and on time. And I'm pleased to say that in the months following my graduation, I was offered a promotion to a senior position. I couldn't have done it without UW Flexible Option!”*

*—Andrew Hybert, UW Flexible Option IST graduate*



# The UW Flexible Option advantage

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## Save time and money

Designed for working adults, UW Flexible Option breaks free from rigid semester schedules. There are no traditional classrooms, seat time requirements, pre-set class times or due dates. You can start when it's convenient and advance at your own pace. You can also use your current knowledge and prior IT experience to progress toward your degree—which can help save you time and money so you can earn your IST degree on your schedule and on your budget.

## Earn a UW-Milwaukee degree

You'll earn your degree from the prestigious University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Information Studies. As one of Wisconsin's premier schools for more than 50 years and a top research institution, UW-Milwaukee's School of Information Studies draws diverse faculty and students from around the world.

## Gain real-world skills

You've already gained experience in the IT field. That's why UW Flexible Option's competency-based format is about what you know and are able to do. You'll make progress by completing assessments that prove you've mastered the skills and knowledge UW-Milwaukee faculty and industry leaders have identified as essential to this degree and necessary in an IT career.

## Get personalized support

From day one, an Academic Success Coach (ASC) will guide you through every step of your online learning experience. Your ASC can answer questions or give program advice; they'll work with you to understand your goals, personalize your learning plans, and direct you to the learning resources you'll need to succeed in the IST program.

“All of my professional work has revolved around information technology, and the IST Flex program really aligned not only with the work I'm currently doing, but also with where I'd like to develop and advance in leadership. The fact that it is a UW degree—not a piece of paper from a diploma mill with asterisks and small print—that really made a huge impact on my decision to apply and get started.”

—Aaron Apel, UW Flexible Option IST graduate

## Curriculum

This degree program requires the completion of the equivalent of 120 credits. As a student in this program, you'll complete courses about a variety of information science and technology topics, including front-end web design, human-computer interaction, and database management. To finish the program, you'll complete a Capstone project to demonstrate that you can apply core program competencies and perform skills required of IT professionals in the workplace. Check out some of the courses you'll master in the IST program:

- » **Web Design**
- » **Web Application Development**
- » **Introduction to Systems Analysis**
- » **Database Information Retrieval Systems**

For a full listing of required curriculum, visit our website at [flex.wisconsin.edu](http://flex.wisconsin.edu)

**Don't forget!** As a UW Flexible Option IST student, you'll be enrolled through UW-Milwaukee and will have access to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Career Planning and Resource Center. Visit [uwm.edu/careerplan/](http://uwm.edu/careerplan/) for more information on the resources available to you.

## Career outlook

Demand for information science and technology professionals has been increasing for several years. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, IT industry employment is expected to grow by approximately 20%, outpacing most other industries. From 2016 to 2026, close to half a million new jobs are expected to be created, due in part to the introduction of cloud-based computing infrastructure and technology, increased awareness of network security issues, a growing need to harness the power of organizational data, and more.

In our culture of rapid technological advancement, it's easy to forget that such innovation is only possible because of professionals with a strong technical foundation. A bachelor's degree, combined with your work experience, can help you build that foundation. Below, see the median salary of common IT jobs that often require a bachelor's degree for entry.

JOB TITLE	SALARY*
Computer Network Architects	\$111,389
Computer Systems Analysts	\$85,800
Database Administrators	\$81,710
Information Security Analysts	\$90,120
Network and Computer Systems Administrators	\$77,810
Software Developers	\$100,690
Web Developers	\$64,970
Technical Writers	\$70,240
Computer Support Specialists	\$51,470

*\*Based on 2017 median salaries.*

“I researched many college degree options. Once I looked into UW Flexible Option, I priced it out and looked at the competitors. Nothing else was as appealing financially.”

—Maggie Zoerb, UW Flexible Option IST graduate

## Who should apply?

This program is ideally suited for:

- ✔ Working IT professionals who have completed some college, technical coursework, or previous certification
- ✔ Motivated self-starters with the ability to work independently

## Tuition



**\$1,125**

SINGLE COURSE  
12 week subscription

or



**\$2,250**

ALL-YOU-CAN-LEARN  
12 week subscription

In this program, you'll pay a flat tuition rate per 12 week subscription period, based on the number of courses you plan to enroll in. For a single course subscription period, tuition is \$1,125. For an "All-You-Can-Learn" subscription period, in which you can enroll in two or more courses, tuition is \$2,250.

You have control over the total cost of your program. Ultimately, it's based on how much prior coursework and work experience you bring to the program and how many subscription periods it takes you to complete the required curriculum.

## Get more information

Our enrollment advisers are available to answer any questions you have about the UW Flexible Option Bachelor of Science in Information Science and Technology program. Get in touch today!

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