

Master of Science: Information Systems-Fast Track For SU IM&T Students Only 2021-2022 Advising Check Sheet

The 36-credit Fast Track is an accelerated degree program for the MS in Information Systems (MSIS) and allows students to complete as many as nine (9) graduate credits by the time their undergraduate degree is conferred. Fast Track also gives students the option to enter the workforce after graduation and complete the remainder of the program online and/or part-time. ***This advising check sheet is for SU IM&T students only. Other fast-track students should consult with their advisor.***

Eligibility, Application Deadlines, and Fast-Track Timeline

Syracuse University undergraduate students in junior standing (between 54-83 total cumulative credits) are eligible for Fast Track. You are encouraged to apply by **February 1** or earlier; however, the deadline to indicate interest *and* apply is **May 1** of your junior year. Admission to the graduate program will be conditional based on completion of the undergraduate program.

Primary Core: 6 credits

Class #	Course Title	When to Enroll	Completed
IST 618	Information Policy*	FA/SP- Sr. Year	
IST 621	Information Management and Technology*	FA/SP- Sr. Year	

DISCLAIMER: Undergraduate coursework for specific graduate equivalent classes must be at a B or better in order to **not take** the graduate equivalent class. While the equivalent undergrad course with a grade of B or better will fulfill the track requirement, a different graduate-level elective within the field must replace that substituted course/credit.

Electives: 21-27 credits

All iSchool courses are acceptable electives towards the MSIS program, including “Selected Topics” courses, listed as IST 500, 600, or 700. These courses are offered based on sufficient interest of a topic and not covered by standard curriculum but of interest to faculty and students in a particular semester. Students are *also allowed to take up to six elective credits from other schools* at Syracuse University, such as the Whitman School of Management or the College of Engineering and Computer Science. No more than six credits of non-IST classes will count towards the program.

Graduate Seminar: Non- Credit, Required

The Graduate Seminar is a residential workshop that presents emerging topics in the information studies field, designed to bring together iSchool students from all graduate programs. Three seminars are delivered each year. Students in the MSIS program must complete one seminar during the duration of their program. For information on dates and topics, visit <https://ischool.syr.edu/academics/graduate-seminars/>.

Exit Requirement: 3 to 9 credits

Students register for IST 755, the MSIS Capstone course, after the successful completion of IST 614 and at least 24 credits in the degree program. Students register for IST 765, the MSIS Research Capstone course, after the successful completion of IST 614, IST 671, and at least 24 credits in the degree program. IST 765 is intended for students who wish to complete a research project in the area of enterprise digital transformation, under faculty supervision, and in place of IST 755. Students register for IST 971 halfway through their program of study. For IST 971, *students with little or no appropriate experience* as information professionals must register for at least 2 credits and no more than 6 credits of internship credits.

Class #	Course Title	Completed
IST 755	Strategic Management of Information Resources* OR	
IST 765	Information Systems Research Capstone AND	
IST 971	Internship In Information Studies (1 to 6 credits)	

**classes are also available as online classes in the quarter terms calendar, offered in partnership with 2SU. There are restrictions on these courses for specific groups of students so please reach out to your advisor for more information.*

Guidelines for Credit Substitutions

Students who have one to three years of full-time work experience in the information technology field, may *substitute* the internship requirement for another 3-credit course via a formal petition form. A current resume is required and joining-leaving letters may also be requested and audited.

- *All courses are 3 credits unless specified otherwise.*
- *Prospective Students contact iGrad@syr.edu for any questions about the application process*
- *Current Students: contact iAdvising@syr.edu for any questions regarding courses and registration*