**MSIT/Graduate Certificates Two-Year Plan**

**Note**: read and complete this document carefully. If you have any questions, please contact the MSIT program director, Dr. Shirley Tian, at [xtian2@kennesaw.edu](mailto:xtian2@kennesaw.edu). When emailing Dr. Tian for advising questions, please include your name and 9-digit KSU ID in your message.

**Student Name**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **KSU ID** (9 digit) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Enrollment Requirements**

1. To be considered a fulltime graduate student: 9 credit hours for spring and fall semester.
2. For summer semester, you are generally not required to take classes. However, taking summer courses can help you complete the program at a faster pace. I recommend taking summer classes if possible.
3. International student (F-1 or J-1 visa) have to maintain full time status for spring and fall semester. If summer is your first semester, you must take 9 credit hours. At least 6 of those 9 credit hours must be on-campus or hybrid classes to maintain full-time enrollment. Any hours beyond those 6 hours can be online classes. More details can be found: <http://dga.kennesaw.edu/isss/f-1/enrollment_requirements.php>

**Tips for Creating a Study Plan**

1. Pick a focus area such as IT security, Data Analytics, Enterprise IT Management or Health IT for your electives. Obviously, you can take any elective you want. However, having a focus area will greatly help you in the job market. The MSIT focus areas are in the format of graduate certificates. You could get a degree and certificate(s) without additional coursework if you choose your courses strategically. Check out the links below for degree requirements and flowcharts.

Declare your graduate certificate as early as you can using this link: <https://msit.kennesaw.edu/petition-graduate-cert.php>.

1. You can continue taking classes for two semesters after your graduation. If you are one or two courses short of a certificate requirement and you are ready to graduate, you may graduate first then come back and take the remaining courses for the certificate.
2. If you are a full-time student, I recommend taking 3 or 4 courses in spring and fall semesters, and then 2 courses in summer semesters. If you are a part-time student and hold a full-time job, take no more than 2 courses in spring and fall semester, and take 1 course in summer semester.
3. Required courses are generally offered every spring/fall semester. Elective courses are generally offer once a year. Check out the permanent schedule (see link below) for when a particular course will be offered. If you want to a specific elective course, you need to pay special attention to when it will be offered.

**MSIT Degree and Graduate Certificates Requirement:**

**MSIT**: <https://catalog.kennesaw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=67&poid=8109&returnto=5323>

**MSIT Degree Requirement**: https://catalog.kennesaw.edu/preview\_program.php?catoid=67&poid=8109&returnto=5323

**Graduate Certificate in IT Foundation:** <https://catalog.kennesaw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=67&poid=8108&returnto=5323>

# Graduate Certificate in Data Analytics and Intelligent Technology:

<https://catalog.kennesaw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=67&poid=8138&returnto=5323>

**Graduate Certificate in IT Security:**

<https://catalog.kennesaw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=67&poid=8104&returnto=5323>

**Graduate Certificate Enterprise IT Management** <https://catalog.kennesaw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=67&poid=8143&returnto=5323>

**Graduate Certificate in HIT:** <https://catalog.kennesaw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=67&poid=8105&returnto=5323>

**MSIT Permanent Course Schedule:**

<http://ccse.kennesaw.edu/advising/resources/permanent-schedules/it_perm_sched.php>

**Course Waiver Received (IT 5413, IT5423, IT 5433, and IT 5443):**

If you are conditionally or provisionally accepted to the MSIT program, you’ll be required to take up to 4 foundation courses. The required foundation courses are listed in the “Graduate Program Decision Comments” section. If you think you have taken equivalent foundation courses in your undergraduate study, please contact Dr. Tian. If you think you have sufficient working knowledge in any of the foundation courses, you can take a “test out” exam. **All test out exams must be requested and completed by the deadline on your acceptance letter.** Contact Dr. Tian for more details.

**Instructions**: 1) Rename this file as MSIT Study Plan + Your last name, first name. 2). Based on degree requirements and the permanent course schedule, create a plan of study for your program. 3). For a full-time student, the MSIT program usually takes two years to complete. The degree program may take more or less time to finish depending your schedule. 4). The study plan isn’t set in stone, and you may adjust the study plan when necessary. However, it’s always good to have a plan to start with.

**Year: Semester** (spring, summer, fall)

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| Semester 1 | Course Name | Required/Elective/Foundation | Credit Hours |
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| Semester 2 | Course Name | Required/Elective/Foundation | Credit Hours |
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**Note:** if you are conditionally or provisionally accepted and complete the foundation course requirements, please inform Dr. Li by email. Dr. Li will make a request to The Graduate College to change your status to fully accepted to the MSIT program. If you fail to do so, you **are likely to have problems** with financial aid when registering for future class.

**Year: Semester** (spring, summer, fall)

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| Semester 3 | Course Name | Required/Elective/Foundation | Credit Hours |
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**Year: Semester** (spring, summer, fall)

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| Semester 4 | Course Name | Required/Elective/Foundation | Credit Hours |
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| Semester 5 | Course Name | Required/Elective/Foundation | Credit Hours |
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If you need to complete the program in more than 2 years, just copy and paste more tables from above.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_