Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Technology

Welcome

Computer Information Technology (CIT) has become an integral part of modern life and business. Among its most important functions are the efficient transmission of information and the storage and analysis of information. The professions below all help individuals and organizations share and store information through computer networks and systems, the Internet, and computer databases.

The CIT program at WKU may be completed 100% online or as a 2+2 program (the 2+2 is designed for students who hold an associate degree or have similar background preparation from a regionally accredited college or university). The program allows students to begin course work any day of the year through WKU On Demand or follow a traditional semester-based calendar.

This degree helps you prepare many exciting career options, such as:

- Network Architects and Engineers
- Systems Administrators
- Database Administrators
- Computer Security Specialists
- Web Developers

Studying Online

Online classes require self-discipline and motivation, especially since you do not have a specific time and place established for class meetings. Familiarizing yourself with what’s required of an online student and the many tools available to support online learners is key!

Distance Learning 101 provides guest access to Blackboard, along with helpful information ranging from pre-enrollment through registration. It is designed to walk you through the different processes involved with admissions, financial aid, advising and registration. The Student Resource Portal provides one-click access to academic support and student resources across campus. The link to each area is provided below:

Distance Learning 101:  www.wku.edu/online/dl101/
Student Resource Portal:  www.wku.edu/online/srp

In addition to online support, which is accessible in these areas, there is also a team of distance learning professionals available to answer questions, listen to your concerns and provide solutions. You can reach us at learn.online@wku.edu.
Admission Requirements
Prior to taking an online course at WKU, you must be admitted. Online students follow the same process as face-to-face students. The first step is to complete an online application for admission, which is available at http://www.wku.edu/admissions. Next, you will need to submit your supporting materials to the Office of Admissions (requirements for supporting materials are determined by your student classification, please see below for more specific information):

- **Beginning Freshman** (student who has not attended a college or university after high school graduation): An official high school transcript and ACT or SAT scores.
- **Transfer** (student who has attended one or more colleges or universities since high school graduation, but has not attended WKU): An official transcript from each college attended. If fewer than 24 semester hours of college credit has been earned, your high school transcript and ACT or SAT scores are also required. Please note: Transcripts without the official seal or those marked unofficial cannot be used.
- **Readmission** (student who has attended WKU since high school graduation): An official transcript from each college attended, other than WKU.
- **Visiting** (student who is seeking a degree from another institution, but wishes to take a class at WKU to fulfill requirements at home school): A letter of good standing from the registrar’s office at your home school is required.

Supporting documentations should be mailed to the following address:

Office of Admissions
1906 College Heights Blvd. #11020
Bowling Green, KY 42101-1020

Admission Application Deadlines:

Kentucky and Out-of-State Residents
- Fall Semester: August 1
- Spring Semester: January 1
- Summer Term: May 1

International Students
- Fall Semester: April 1
- Spring Semester: September 1
- Summer Term: March 1

Please note: Deadlines are often flexible, depending on the program of study. If you are considering applying after the suggested deadline, we encourage you to check with the appropriate academic department or call 270-745-5173.

Degree Program Requirements
Major Requirements
The CIT major (reference number 555) requires 120 credit hours and leads to a Bachelor of Science degree. No minor or second major is required. Enrollment in the CIT program is limited and based on student qualifications. All CIT courses
must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. The program requires 60 hours of upper-division CIT coursework.

Electives should be selected consistent with WKU's degree requirements including:

- 36 hours minimum in courses earned at WKU
- 42 hours in upper-division credit
- 120 hours minimum overall
- General education categorical requirements

**Non 2+2 Students (60 Hours)**

- 10-300-level courses (required of all majors): CIT 300, 302, 310, 312, 330, 332, 350, 352, 370, 372
- 10-400-level electives (students may select their own electives)

**2+2 Students (36 Hours)**

- 4-300-level courses (take your first semester): CIT 300, 302, 352, 372
- 8-400-level electives (students may select their own electives)

This program requires certain computer components. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Please note the following as you plan your program of study:

Proper program planning is important. For example some required courses also fulfill Colonnade/general education courses, your advisor will assist you in identifying the courses which will overlap.

You can view Colonnade/general education requirements online at [http://www.wku.edu/online/online-classes.php](http://www.wku.edu/online/online-classes.php). Additionally, there are several minors available online. A listing of online undergraduate minors can be viewed at [http://www.wku.edu/online/ug-minors.php](http://www.wku.edu/online/ug-minors.php). Please talk with an advisor to develop a program that best meets your needs.

**Recommended Sequence of Courses**

Certain courses may be offered on a rotating basis, so please plan your program of study carefully. Contact the program advisor listed in the Contact Us section of this packet for additional information on course offerings.

**Financial Aid Eligibility**

Financial Aid includes grants and loans for educational purposes. The government requires the student to file a form online to the government agency for this purpose, which is called FAFSA at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) to apply. Once that form is completed and filed, the student will receive an email from WKU about the status. All financial aid comes through the WKU Student Financial Aid office and they communicate mostly through email. The email will explain all the grants and/or loans that are available to the student and how to receive the money.

Nearly all students are eligible for some form of financial assistance. In fact, over 90% of the students who applied for financial aid in recent years received an award offer. Every effort is made to assist you and your family in obtaining the resources necessary to meet the difference between the total cost of attending Western Kentucky University and your ability to contribute toward your education.
If you would like to apply for financial assistance (loans, grants, scholarships, veteran's benefits) the first step is to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Please refer to the Financial Aid Guide for additional information and complete instructions.

Please keep in mind, student must maintain satisfactory academic progress to continue to qualify for financial aid. For additional information on receiving, and keeping your financial aid, please refer to the WKU Financial Aid website to review the complete policy on Satisfactory Academic Progress at http://www.wku.edu/financialaid/sap.php.

Financial Aid and Scholarship Resources

- WKU Scholarship Information, including scholarships for transfer students: http://www.wku.edu/scholarship/
- WKU Financial Aid Information: http://www.wku.edu/financialaid/
- Student Aid: Types of aid, who qualifies and how to apply: https://studentaid.ed.gov
- Scholarships: How to find them, how to apply, types of scholarships: https://studentaid.ed.gov/types/grants-scholarships/finding-scholarships

Career Resources and Average Salary Information

Resources to aid in finding a major right for you, as well as the most current information regarding average salary, job outlook and the most common positions within the field, may be found on the websites below:

- Find Occupations, Salary Information and Job Outlook: http://www.onetonline.org/find/career
- Major and Career Search: https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/majors-careers
- Identifying A Career Based on Personal Interests: https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/explore-careers
- What Can I do with this major: http://www.wku.edu/career/wcidwtmajor.php

Contact Information

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Student Support Specialist: Nikki Roof
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