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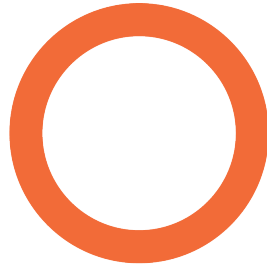
Summary of Accreditation Actions
2020–2021 Accreditation Cycle

Middle Georgia State University
Macon, GA, United States

Information Technology (B.S. in Information Technology)

Accredit to September 30, 2027. A request to ABET by January 31, 2026 will be required to initiate a reaccreditation evaluation visit. In preparation for the visit, a Self-Study Report must be submitted to ABET by July 1, 2026. The reaccreditation evaluation will be a comprehensive general review.

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MIDDLE GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

MACON, GA, UNITED STATES

FINAL STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION

2020-21 ACCREDITATION CYCLE

MIDDLE GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY
Macon, GA, United States

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FINAL STATEMENT
VISIT DATES: OCTOBER 19-21, 2020
ACCREDITATION CYCLE CRITERIA: 2020-2021

INTRODUCTION & DISCUSSION OF STATEMENT CONSTRUCT

The Computing Accreditation Commission (CAC) of ABET has evaluated the Information Technology program at the Middle Georgia State University during the 2020-21 cycle for possible accreditation under the CAC/ABET "Criteria for Accrediting Computing Programs" dated November 1, 2019.

The statement that follows consists of two parts: the first addresses the institution and its overall educational unit, and the second addresses the individual programs.

A program's accreditation action is based upon the findings summarized in this statement. Actions depend on the program's range of compliance or non-compliance with the criteria. This range can be construed from the following terminology:

- **Deficiency** A deficiency indicates that a criterion, policy, or procedure is not satisfied. Therefore, the program is not in compliance with the criterion, policy, or procedure.

- **Weakness** A weakness indicates that a program lacks the strength of compliance with a criterion, policy, or procedure to ensure that the quality of the program will not be compromised. Therefore, remedial action is required to strengthen compliance with the criterion, policy, or procedure prior to the next review.

- **Concern** A concern indicates that a program currently satisfies a criterion, policy, or procedure; however, the potential exists for the situation to change such that the criterion, policy, or procedure may not be satisfied.

- **Observation** An observation is a comment or suggestion that does not relate directly to the current accreditation action but is offered to assist the institution in its continuing efforts to improve its programs.

REVIEW TEAM

The program listed above was evaluated by the peer review team shown below.

- **Program Evaluator** Moussa Ayyash, Chicago State University

- **Visit Team Chair**   Andy Ju An Wang, Northern Arizona University

- **Editor 1**   Kevin Huggins, Harrisburg Unversity of Science and Technology

- **Editor 2**   Ronald P. Doyle, Wake Forest University

Please note that program accreditation decisions are made solely by the respective Commissions of ABET. Reference to the professional affiliations of the volunteer peer evaluators in no way constitutes or implies endorsement or recommendation of the programs by the listed professional affiliations.

INFORMATION RECEIVED AFTER THE REVIEW

- **Seven-Day Response** No information was received in the seven-day response period.

- **30-Day Due-Process Response** Information was received in the 30-day due-process response period relative to the Information Technology program.

INSTITUTIONAL SUMMARY

Middle Georgia State University is a member of the University System of Georgia. In early 2012, the Board of Regents recommended the consolidation of Macon State College, which was founded in 1968 in Macon GA, and Middle Georgia College, which was founded in 1884 in Cochran, GA. The consolidation became official on January 8, 2013, creating Middle Georgia State College, a baccalaureate- granting institution with an enrollment of nearly 9,000 students. The new institution has campuses in Macon, Cochran, Dublin, Eastman and Warner Robins. In 2015, the Board of Regents approved the college's proposal to offer master's degrees, and the name of the institution was changed to Middle Georgia State University.

Information Technology
B.S. in Information Technology Program

Evaluated under CAC Program Criteria for
Information Technology and Similarly Named Computing Programs

INTRODUCTION

The Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (BSIT) at Middle Georgia State University was initially accredited by ABET in 2008. The last general review for ABET Accreditation was conducted in 2014 - 2015. Major changes have been made since the last general review. All changes are described in the self-study. The BSIT program is offered both face-to-face (multiple campuses) and online. During the 2019-2020 academic year, the BSIT program had 804 full-time and part-time students, 14 full-time faculty members, and awarded 122 BSIT degrees.

PROGRAM CONCERN

Criterion 8. Institutional Support

This criterion specifies that institutional support and leadership must be adequate to ensure the quality and continuity of the program. During the visit, the team became aware that the instructional designer position has not been filled and the school is starting a new doctoral program in IT. Although the department is currently able to meet program needs, the potential exists that the current number of BSIT faculty and administrative support will not be sufficient to ensure program quality both online and face to face.

30-Day Due-Process Response

The school has hired a new Coordinator of Academic Program Quality (i.e. Instructional Designer) who started in January 2021. The university leadership has also approved the search for one immediate faculty hiring (Assistant Professor of IT), and included an additional two faculty lines in the budget, giving them "high priority hiring" for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Status

The program concern has been resolved.

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SUMMARY

The following is a summary of this evaluation for Middle Georgia State University during the 2020-2021 cycle:

Information Technology Program

   No deficiencies, weaknesses, or concerns were found.

OBSERVATION

The Computing Accreditation Commission (CAC) of ABET has adopted new criteria for Information Technology programs that will go into effect for all programs during the 2022-23 review cycle. The changes in the new program criteria impact Criterion 3 and Criterion 5 for Information Technology programs. The CAC encourages you to familiarize yourselves with the new Criteria document as soon as possible so you can adopt the new student outcomes, transition your assessment processes, and make any other program changes that may be necessary to ensure that your program is in compliance with these new criteria by the time of its next General Review.