Welcome

Thank you for joining our virtual information session for our upcoming DSIT degree! We are excited that you are considering Middle Georgia State University to further your education!

Just a few housekeeping rules:
• Please mute your microphone
• Turn off webcam
• The chat box will be used at the end of the presentation for participants to ask questions.
Dean’s Welcome

We will first hear from Dr. Koohang the Dean of School of Computing. Following Dr. Koohang we will hear from Dr. Cantwell the Dean of Graduate Studies.
MISSION STATEMENT

We develop and offer graduate degrees suitable for working adults that address the needs of the region and anticipate a growing knowledge economy.
Office of Graduate Studies
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Doctor of Science in Information Technology (DSIT)

Program Overview

The DSIT will require students to complete 54 hours of graduate coursework. The program will be cohort base and plans to admits student each fall semester. Courses are fully online with the exception of brief residencies at the beginning and end of the program.
Courses in Program

Fall Semester (Year One)
ITEC 7000 Doctoral Seminar I (includes Residency #1; Term 1)
ITEC 7110 Research for Decision Making (Term 1)
ITEC 7200 Design Thinking & Innovation (Term 1)
ITEC 7120 Statistical Analysis for Decision Making (Term 2)
ITEC 7210 Leading Disruptive Technology in Organizations (Term 2)

Spring Semester (Year One)
ITEC 8100 Data Science & Analytics Strategy (Term 1)
ITEC 8110 Organizational Strategy for Cybersecurity Management (Term 1)
ITEC 8120 Information Technology Policy, Compliance, and Legal (Term 2)
ITEC 8130 Information Technology Project and Program Management (Term 2)

Summer Semester (Year One)
ITEC 7240 Strategic Thinking (full Summer Term)
ITEC 8140 Contemporary Issues in Information Technology (full Summer Term)
Courses in Program Cont.

**Fall Semester (Year Two)**
- ITEC 7220 Leadership Development (Term 1)
- ITEC 7230 Information Technology Strategic Planning (Term 1)
- ITEC 7130 Advanced Research Analysis for Decision Making (Term 2)

**Spring Semester (Year Two)**
- ITEC 8900 Doctoral Research Project (full Semester)
- ITEC 8950 Doctoral Seminar II (Term 2 Session; Residency #2)
DSIT Application Materials

• Online Application for admissions.

• Statement of Purpose: A written statement of the applicant’s professional goals and commitment to completing the degree requirements.

• Two letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with the student’s academic & technology abilities.

• An M.S degree in a discipline related to Information Technology (e.g. Information Systems, Cybersecurity, Computer Science, etc.) conferred by a regionally accredited institution.

• Grade point average of 3.0 or greater (on a scale of 4.0) on all graduate coursework.

• Current résumé that reflects two year of relevant work experience.

• Transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.

• An interview may be required at the discretion of the Admissions Committee.

• No GRE is required.

* The Office of Graduate Studies will send out an email with an update on when MGA can formally accept application materials.
Notice on Federal Financial Aid

Please note that MGA has not yet been approved to offer federal financial aid for the DSIT, as the program is pending approval by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). If we are successful with SACSCOC, we will then apply to the US Department of Education, which will take several months. This means that FA may not be available for the new program until, at the earliest, Spring Semester 2021, but possibly later.

If you are a University System of Georgia employee, please coordinate TAP deadlines and approvals with your HR office and your immediate supervisor. For VA benefits, please contact Carolyn Clark with the Registrar’s Office at 478-757-2681 or email her at carolyn.clark@mga.edu. Of course, no aid can be distributed until a student has been accepted into the program. Please see our financing information on the following link: https://www.mga.edu/graduate-studies/financing-options.php.

Finally, interest rates are at near record lows, so your local bank is a good place to begin for student loans if that is a service they provide.
Frequently Asked Questions

• Will the program be offered part-time?
• What is the total cost of the program?
• How many applicants do you plan to accept for each cohort?
• Does the program accommodate those who work full-time?
Additional Questions?

• Please use the chat feature to ask any questions you might have. Your question will be read out loud by the moderator so the appropriate person can respond.