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What can I do with my degree in...Bachelor of Applied Arts, Information Technology?

Knowing What's Expected

Information Technology provides for an exciting career destination! IT is continually changing as developments in technology offer new choices, changing the way we live, work or do business.

Now, more than ever, the demand for individuals who have exceptional communication and technical skills has increased: You could be one of the many who find the technical breakthrough, or have an opportunity to contribute to the evolution of Information Technology!

If you love computers, are interested in Internet technologies, and programming is your kind of "language" then you will enjoy the options that the IT major provides.

Jobs in the IT industry require a strong command of language and the ability to think logically and analytically. You must also learn how to work well as a team and have an ability to meet deadlines. Knowledge of computer systems and current information sources is also important.

Transferable Skills

- ❖ Maintain attention to detail
- ❖ Excellent verbal/written communication
- ❖ Knowledge of business management and social trends
- ❖ Specialization
- ❖ Be an effective problem solver

Your Choices

An IT Major offers a broad background in business, sciences, engineering and technology.

As a result, you may pursue occupations in sectors such as business communications, consultancy, engineering, technology and administration.

**Some of these occupations will require further education.

Careers for IT Majors

- ❖ Programmer
- ❖ System Analyst
- ❖ IT Management
- ❖ Database Administration
- ❖ Network Administration
- ❖ IT Support Specialization
- ❖ Web Development
- ❖ Records Analysis
- ❖ IT Consultation
- ❖ Business Consultation

Necessary Skills

- ❖ Stay current on programming languages and technology
- ❖ Stay current on latest technology
- ❖ Programming experience
- ❖ Researching and writing skills
- ❖ Have a creative flair
- ❖ Project Management /Leadership

What Employers Want

Contributions you make to your community reflect well on you as an individual. Employers are looking for students who are dedicated, hard working, and show a commitment to their interests.

By getting involved in on-campus societies (see-www.mountstudents.ca) and volunteering early, you will not only gain "hands on experience" and show credibility in your area of interest but also a willingness to work towards goals.

Associations

Why join now? Professional associations are a great way to network within your field of study. Not only do these organizations help get you connected, they also help keep you well-informed. Many also have discounted student membership rates.

- ❖ Electronic Commerce Council of Canada
www.eccc.org/
- ❖ Information Technology Industry Alliance of Nova Scotia (ITANS)
<http://www.itans.ns.ca/>
- ❖ Association of Professional Computer Consultants
<http://www.apconline.com/>
- ❖ Information Technology Association of Canada
www.itac.ca/

Available Reference Materials

What To Do With Your Degree

- ❖ What You Can Do with an Arts Degree
- ❖ What can I do with my degree in Information Technology (Yellow Binder)

Occupation Information

- ❖ Careers for CYBERSURFERS & Other Online Types
- ❖ Careers for Non-Conformists
- ❖ Careers For Scientific Types & Others With Inquiring Minds
- ❖ www.careercruising.com

Directories

- ❖ Who's Hiring
- ❖ Associations Canada
- ❖ Business Directory of The Metropolitan Halifax Chamber Of Commerce
- ❖ Canadian Career Directory

Job Searching

Job Hunting Websites

- ❖ www.msvu.ca/careerplanning
- ❖ <http://www.it-careers.ca/>
- ❖ The Halifax Herald
www.jobspress.com
- ❖ Nova Scotia Public Service Commission
www.gov.ns.ca/psc/
- ❖ Government of Canada
<http://jobs.gc.ca>
- ❖ Atlantic Canada Jobs & Employment
www.atlanticjobs.com

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