

Bachelor of Applied Arts in Information Technology?



Know What's Expected

The field of information technology is continually changing as developments in technology offer new choices, changing the way we live, work and do business. If you major in Information technology, employers will expect that you are interested in Internet technologies, programming and have a strong knowledge of computer systems and current information sources. Information technology majors are currently in high demand.

Transferable Skills

- Strong critical thinking skills
- Written and spoken communication skills
- Ability to analyze and evaluate data
- Improving interpersonal skills
- Ability to meet deadlines
- Computer literacy

What Employers Want to See

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 on-campus (for societies visit mountstudents.ca) or off-campus early in your degree, you will not only show credibility in your area of interest but also a willingness to work towards goals.

You can also build your Mount Co-Curricular Record (CCR) with these activities at msvu.ca/CCRP and present this official document to future employers.

Necessary Skills

- Stay current on programming languages and technology
- Programming experience
- Research and writing skills
- Creativity
- Project management and leadership

Where Can You Work?

An Information Technology Major offers a broad background in business, sciences, engineering and technology. Graduates from Information Technology programs may find careers in business communications, consultancy, engineering and technology.

An Information Technology degree is also a great stepping stone for further education. Visit the Bachelor of Arts in Information Technology webpage for more information.

Possible Job Titles

- Programmer
- IT Manager
- Database Administrator
- Network Administrator
- IT Support Specialist
- Web Development Officer
- Records Analyst
- IT Consultant
- Applications Specialist
- Security Specialist

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Where Can I Volunteer?

Volunteering provides a great opportunity to get involved in your field of study and make some great connections. Here are a few options for you to consider:

- IEEE (see professional associations)
- Local Non-Profit Organizations
- Local corporations
- Government
- Student Societies
- Students Union

Visit msvu.ca/ccrp for more local organizations.

Online Job Resources

Many organizations will promote their job opportunities online. Visit the Job Search Resources page at msvu.ca/careerplanning for links to frequently used job boards.

Professional Associations

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.

- Association of Professional Computer Consultants
www.apcconline.com
- Digital NS
www.digitalnovascotia.com
- Entertainment Software Association of Canada
www.theesa.ca
- Information Technology Association of Canada
www.itac.ca
- Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers
www.ieee.org

MSVU Career Planning Services

At the Mount, we offer a variety of career related services, workshops, resources and opportunities for students. Whether you need help making a career decision, are looking for a job, or are wondering what your can do with your degree, we can help you plan a realistic career path and perform a successful job search.

Drop by Career Planning Services to book an appointment with a Career Counsellor, schedule a resume critique with a Career Assistant, or just explore our resources!

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