**IUG Semester by Semester Plan**

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| **Name:** | **PSU Email ID:** |

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| **Core Curriculum - 6 credits** |
| **IST 504:** Foundations of Theories and Methods of Information Sciences and Technology Research (fall) |
| **IST 505:** Foundations of Research Design in Information Sciences and Technology (spring) |
| **Methods Courses – 6 credits** |
| Choose from list of approved methods courses |

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| **Graduate Specialty Courses – 12 credits** |
| Choose from graduate courses at PSU |
| **Thesis/Scholarly Paper – 6 credits** |
| Thesis Research (IST 600) |
| **OR** |
| Scholarly Paper (IST 594) |

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| **Semester: Spring Senior Year**  **Year:** | **Credits** | **UG/ IUG/**  **GR** | **Course** |
| IST 505 (UG Support of Option) | 3 | IUG |  |
| 400-Option (Grad Specialty) | 3 | IUG |  |
| Other undergrad courses | 6 | UG |  |
| Total Semester Credits: | 12 |  |  |
| **IUG (Shared GR/UG) Credits:** | **6** |  |  |

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| **Semester: Fall Senior Year**  **Year:** | **Credits** | **UG/ IUG/**  **GR** | **Course** |
| IST 504 (UG Support of Option) | 3 | IUG |  |
| 400-Option (Grad Specialty) | 3 | IUG |  |
| Other undergrad courses | 6 | UG |  |
| Total Semester Credits: | 12 |  |  |
| **IUG (Shared GR/UG) Credits:** | **6** |  |  |

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| **Semester: Fall 5th Year**  **Year:** | **Credits** | **UG/ IUG/**  **GR** | **Course** |
| IST 600 **OR** IST 594 | 3 | GR |  |
| Graduate Specialty course | 3 | GR |  |
| Methods Course | 3 | GR |  |
| Total Semester Credits: | 9 |  |  |
| **MS Credits:** | **9** |  |  |
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| **Semester: Spring 5th Year**  **Year:** | **Credits** | **UG/ IUG/**  **GR** | **Course** |
| IST 600 **OR** IST 594 | 3 | GR |  |
| Graduate Specialty course | 3 | GR |  |
| Methods Course | 3 | GR |  |
| Total Semester Credits: | 9 |  |  |
| **MS Credits:** | **9** |  |  |
| **Total MS Credits:** | **30** |  |  |

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| **UG/GR Shared Courses** |  | **Semester Report**  (check if submitted) |
| Double-counted (IUG) | IST 504 |  |
| Double-counted (IUG) | IST 505 |  |
| Double-counted (IUG) | IST 4XX |  |
| Double-counted (IUG) | IST 4XX |  |

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| **Required Signatures** |  |
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| Student Signature | Date |
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| Undergraduate Program Director Signature | Date |
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| Undergraduate Advisor Signature | Date |
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| Graduate Adviser Signature | Date |

**Notes:**

1. Up to 12 credits/four courses may be “double-counted” on both the undergraduate and graduate transcripts.
   1. A minimum of 50 percent of the courses proposed to count for both degrees must be at the 500 or 800-level
   2. When we talk about these courses, we talk about them as:
      1. UG courses: appear only on the undergraduate transcript
      2. IUG courses: courses that appear on both the undergraduate and graduate transcript.
      3. GR courses: appear only on the graduate transcript.
2. IUG/Graduate students can have up to four 400-level courses on their graduate transcript. Two 400-levels can be IUG courses to count towards both degrees, and two courses will be graduate only courses and will not count towards the undergraduate degree.
3. Every semester, students meet with their advisers to complete IUG end of semester reports.
4. IUG students must maintain 12 credits to be a full-time student.