Are you full of ideas for the next big app? Do you have a “big picture” mindset and consider yourself a tech savvy problem solver? Or, do you use social media to promote causes that are important to you? If so, you’ll want to check out the option programs available through our B.S. in Information Sciences and Technology (IST) program.

Perhaps you’re more intrigued by how today’s global environment and emerging technologies are shaping U.S. foreign policy. Does the idea of thwarting hackers and stopping cyber criminals in their tracks charge you with adrenaline? Then a track in the B.S. in Security and Risk Analysis (SRA) may be what you’re looking for.

Or, as you explore majors, are you struggling to choose between a technically-focused program that’s strong in technology, science, or math, and a Bachelor of Arts degree where you can explore your creative interests? If this sounds familiar, you should contact us to learn more about our unique, B.A. degree in Information Sciences and Technology.

Is the College of IST right for you?

Students in the College of Information Sciences and Technology come from a variety of backgrounds, but successful ones all have certain things in common:

• They are comfortable using technology
• They like working with people
• They enjoy the challenge of solving problems
• They want to make a difference

What the College of Information Sciences and Technology offers a Schreyer Honors College student
How does IST’s program complement your Schreyer experience?

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES
• Active research labs and centers with world-renowned scholars
• Summer research projects (for pay!)
• Publishing research articles with IST professors
• Personal training and mentoring in the research arena

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
• Leadership opportunities in clubs and organizations
• Communications skills in IST classes
• Teamwork skills in academic and co-curricular settings

REAL-WORLD LEARNING
• Client-based projects
• Required internship
• Professors with industry experience

CAREER SERVICES
• Four full-time staff members dedicated to your career success
• Job posting system for students enrolled in the college

OUTCOMES
• 84% of our students report having a full-time position prior to graduation
• The average starting salary for graduates with a 3.0 or better is $62,704, with $5,000 signing bonus.

COMMUNITY
• Faculty, staff, and administrators are dedicated to your success
• Students are involved in many IST student organizations to help shape the College community, learn about future technologies and careers, and serve others
• The small college environment provides many opportunities to engage closely with employers, administration, faculty and staff

STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES
• Multimedia classrooms and labs
• Wireless environment
• Collaborative workspaces

For more information:
ist.psu.edu

“As a part of the Schreyer Honors College (SCH), I had the opportunity to create my own academic experience, well outside the typical classroom setting. Throughout my years in IST and SCH, I was able to design and execute my own laboratory research projects, work on a cross-disciplinary team to develop sustainable energy solutions, and have access to cutting-edge computational hardware as a part of my undergraduate research project. These unique experiences afforded to me by SCH and IST have been invaluable in the workplace and have given me a step up in my pursuit of graduate education. For those with a thirst for knowledge, SCH is the best way to experience IST.”
—Garret Miller (IST ‘11)

“As an adviser, I am continually impressed with the caliber of our Honors students. They are full of ideas about how to make a difference and how to prepare themselves for doing so. Students come to me with questions about study abroad, research projects, internships, and their passion for multiple areas of study. Between the College of IST and the Schreyer Honors College, we work with students to help them create the experiences they seek at Penn State and abroad.”  —Lisa Lenze, director of undergraduate academic affairs, College of Information Sciences and Technology

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