Penn State Application Help

Sometimes students have difficulty figuring out how to find our majors on the Penn State application. Here is a handy guide on how to find your IST major.

Before you find your IST major, please make special note of the language below about the “Degree Type” section of the application:

**Degree Type**

In this section of the application, you will make decisions about your program of interest and the campus you would like to attend. If a major and/or campus does not appear in the choices on the next set of pages, it may be due to the following:

- The major you are interested in cannot be started at the campus you have chosen.
- The major you have selected cannot be finished at the ending campus you have selected.
- The major selected is full for the selected semester.
- You are ineligible for consideration for that major campus based on the academic history that you have provided and the minimum requirements of the major and/or campus.

Each selection you make may prompt you for further information.

* Type of Degree
  - Associate (2 year)
  - Baccalaureate (4 year)

Once you get to the section entitled “Build Your Program of Study” you will see this screen:

To select your major by subject area, select the “Academic Interest Area” option. You will see several boxes pop up with various options.
To select the **Cybersecurity Analytics and Operations major**, complete these boxes by selecting the options as shown below:

![Cybersecurity Analytics and Operations major selection](image1)

To select the **Data Sciences major**, complete these boxes by selecting the options as shown below:

![Data Sciences major selection](image2)
To select the **Security and Risk Analysis major**, complete these boxes by selecting the options as shown below:

![Security and Risk Analysis major selection](image1)

To select the **Information Sciences and Technology major**, complete these boxes by selecting the options as shown below:

![Information Sciences and Technology major selection](image2)
To select your major by the campus where you’d like to study, select the “Campus/Location” option. You will first choose the campus, then go through the same steps listed for each major above.

To select your major by alphabetical listing, you will be able to select what you want directly from that menu. For example, here is how to choose the Cybersecurity Analytics and Operations major: