

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

SCHOOL OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND TECHNOLOGY

TECHNOLOGY MOVES FAST—MAKE SURE YOUR CAREER KEEPS PACE

Information technology is an innovative field that has transformed virtually everything about the way the world works—and is expected to continue to do so. This translates into an anticipated long-term demand for talented, highly educated IT professionals in business sectors, government agency, institution, and industry.

At Kaplan University, our Master of Science in Information Technology program is designed to help you develop the technical, managerial, and creative skills that could help you advance in the IT field.¹ A master's degree could help you pursue a variety of career opportunities, such as a project manager, lead software developer, or senior programmer.

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THE FUTURE OF TECHNOLOGY CAN OFFER PROMISING OPPORTUNITIES

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the long-term national employment in the IT field is expected to grow by 17 percent through 2018—faster than the average for all occupations.²

To keep up with the increasingly complex advances in technology, employers may require a higher level of skills and expertise from employees. A master's degree in IT from Kaplan University could help those looking to take advantage of the expected growth in this field. In fact, a 2009 survey found that a degree in information systems was one of the top ten degrees in demand by employers.³



A VERSATILE DEGREE COULD LEAD TO VERSATILE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

With a Master of Science in Information Technology, you could apply your skills to a broad spectrum of occupational environments.¹ Careers for graduates could be found in many industries that feature computer networks, including government agencies, law enforcement, and health care.

Some characteristics that are relevant to a career in information technology include:

- Critical thinking
- Business aptitude
- Collaboration skills
- Communication abilities

POSSIBLE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITIES COULD INCLUDE:¹

- **Project Manager**—Develop requirements, budgets, and schedules for a firm's information technology projects
- **Lead Software Developer**—Analyze users' needs and design, construct, and maintain general computer applications software or specialized utility programs
- **Senior Programmer**—Write programs to handle a specific job or to maintain and control computer systems software for operating systems, networked systems, and database systems
- **Systems Architect**—Design, test, and evaluate systems such as local area networks (LANs), wide area networks (WANs), the Internet, intranets, and other data communications systems
- **Chief Information Officer**—Responsible for the overall technological direction of an organization
- **Chief Technology Officer**—Evaluate the newest and most innovative technologies and determine how these can help your organization

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TECHNOLOGY IS CHANGING LIVES. WITH THE RIGHT DEGREE, IT COULD CHANGE YOURS.

The objective of the **Master of Science in Information Technology** program is to challenge students to blend technical knowledge of information solutions with creative management concepts. You will have the opportunity to learn about matching business requirements with technology solutions, project management, and emerging technologies. You could develop skills in the areas of decision-making, analysis, collaboration, and communications.

Kaplan University's curriculum emphasizes the following:

- Theory and principles: Evaluate the theory, principles, and practices of information systems
- Project management: Employ project management skills to construct plans for information technology projects
- Decision analysis: Assess and analyze data to arrive at logical decisions for solving complex problems
- System analysis and design: Apply appropriate technologies in the analysis and design of information systems
- Ethical practices: Assess ethical, legal, and social issues within the information technology field

Program Detail

Credit Hours (specialized track): 56

Credit Hours (nonspecialized track): 52

Specializations:

- Business Intelligence
- Entrepreneurship
- Information Security and Assurance
- Project Management



HERE IS WHAT ONE GRADUATE HAD TO SAY

Zedy Aroche⁴

• School of Information Systems and Technology graduate

“I selected a degree in information technology because it has always been my passion. Kaplan University's coursework equipped me with the technical knowledge required to excel in my profession, as well as the skills to succeed in a highly competitive technological industry.”

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It's simple. You'll attend real classes for real credits. After an introductory period, if you decide we're right for you, and you meet our academic standards and other requirements, you'll continue on. If not, your obligation ends there. There's no tuition cost or other financial obligation, except for the nonrefundable application fee.⁵

WHY KAPLAN UNIVERSITY?

Our programs are designed to offer you the freedom to grow and pursue your goals. We offer:

- Online classes that allow you to study virtually anytime, anywhere you have an Internet connection.
- Personal Advisors to help you select the courses to meet your goals.
- Reduced tuition rates for active-duty service members and veterans.
- Scholarships for eligible Kaplan University students.

Other Programs

In addition to this program, Kaplan University also offers:

- › Master of Business Administration
- › Master of Science in Management
- › Master of Science in Accounting

Note From Dean

"We invite you to join us in the School of Information Systems and Technology. Information technology has become an integral part of our personal and professional lives and a key driver of the global economy. Our degree programs and courses could enable you to gain the knowledge to become skilled at using this technology to benefit society and yourself."



David DeHaven, Dean
School of Information Systems
and Technology



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¹ Kaplan University's programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue employment in fields related to their subjects of study, such as the positions provided as examples. However, Kaplan University does not guarantee that graduates will be placed in any job, equipped to perform all the tasks noted, or eligible for job advancement opportunities. Additional training or certification may be required. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary from organization to organization.

² Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-11 Edition. Computer Information Managers, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos258.htm>. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

³ Source: National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) 2009 Job Outlook, on the Internet at www.nacweb.org.

⁴ Views and opinions stated herein are the individual's and not necessarily those of Kaplan University. Individual student schedules and experiences may vary. This testimonial was solicited by Kaplan University.

⁵ Classes will count toward a student's degree if satisfactorily completed. No credits are earned if the student withdraws during the introductory period. The introductory period is five weeks, and begins on day one of the student's first academic term. If at any point during the introductory period a student chooses to opt out, he or she will have no other obligation to the University except for the application fee. Only available to new students; continuing students are not eligible.