



CONGRATULATIONS

Welcome to IST!

At the College of IST, we're about much more than computers. We are about understanding our data-driven, always-connected society and finding solutions to make our world a better place.

You did it! Take a deep breath and celebrate your accomplishment with friends and family!

Next Steps:

- » Check your email to find your personalized welcome and a big "congrats" from the IST community.
- » Learn more about IST's laptop requirement at ist.psu.edu/laptop.
- » Connect with us if you have questions at ist.psu.edu/visit.
- » Accept your offer of admission!



Did you know?

- » Every IST student has their own virtual desktop so they can access 60+ software programs from anywhere.
- » Special topics courses change each semester and expose students to emerging subjects like Blockchain, Humanitarian IT, Cybercrime, Social Media Mining, Data Ethics, and Cloud Computing.
- » IST is recognized as an Academic Center of Excellence by the Department of Homeland Security and NSA.
- » IST has professional advisers, career coaches, inclusion advocates, and student engagement staff dedicated to your success as a student.
- » More than 13,800 IST alumni live in all 50 states and 54 different countries.

Discover more about IST:
ist.psu.edu/start-here

IST students have:

- » Contributed to NATO's counter-terrorism training curriculum.
- » Served as the Nittany Lion mascot for three years, emceed Penn State's Homecoming events, and been named to Major League Hacking's list of Top 50 Hackers.
- » Applied machine learning to classify images of natural disasters that improved emergency response time.
- » Presented research at an international conference about how users self-represent when creating characters in video games.
- » Started a podcast to explore the data science behind college football.
- » Advanced to the international finals for the Collegiate Penetration Testing Competition for two years in a row.

See what else our students are doing:
ist.psu.edu/student-spotlight

FAST FACTS

\$71,000

Average full-time starting salary

1,665

Undergraduate students

100%

Of students complete an internship before graduating

84%

Of students receive a job offer from an internship provider



6/15

Majors/Minors

\$20

Average intern salary (hourly)

600+

Employers recruit IST students annually

200+

Annual events for students and employers to connect

21

Campuses offering IST courses and degrees

13,800

IST Alumni

17

IST student organizations

1,800+

Professional and experiential opportunities posted to Nittany Lion Careers for IST students

50%

Of students complete multiple internships

#1 Best Alumni Network - Penn State (2019 Princeton Review)

#5 Among universities recruiters trust for the most prepared students (2020 WINS corporate recruiter survey)