



Cybersecurity Degree (IS23)- 72 Credit Hours

Program Description:

The Cybersecurity associate degree program is a sequence of courses designed to provide students with an understanding of the concepts, principles, and techniques required in computer information processing. Graduates are to be competent in the general areas of humanities or fine arts, social or behavioral sciences, and natural sciences or mathematics, as well as in the technical areas of computer terminology and concepts, program design and development, and computer networking. Program graduates are qualified for employment as cybersecurity specialists. Graduates may find entry-level employment as cybersecurity specialists working with networking systems, telecommunications, cryptography, security system design, or risk assessment and contingency planning. Starting salaries are approximately \$43,000 per year.

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<https://www.westgatech.edu/program-explorer/systems-information-management/Cybersecurity/>

Pre-Degree Requirements					
Program Specific					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Min GPA 2.0 Courses may rotate among following locations: Carroll, Coweta, Douglas, Lagrange and online 					
Set the Track, Start the Track, Stay on Track					
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Meet with an Advising Coach to Stay on Track. S = Semester; CR = Credit Hours; FA = Fall; SP = Spring; SU = Summer</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">***Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) offers accreditation services to business programs focused on teaching and learning. ACBSPs evaluate and determine whether the business schools and programs meet applicable and recognized standards.</p>					
✓	Grade	Semester 1	S	CR	Notes & Milestones
		ENGL 1101 Composition and Rhetoric	ALL	3	Program Admission
		MATH 1111 College Algebra	ALL	3	Program Admission
		CIST 1001 Computer Concepts	ALL	4	
		CISM 2201 Foundations of Computer Applications	ALL	3	
				13	Program Semester Hours
✓	Grade	Semester 2	S	CR	Notes & Milestones
		CIST 1122 Hardware Installation and Maintenance	FA SP	4	
		CIST 1401 Computer Networking Fundamentals	FA SP	4	
		CIST 1601 Information Security Fundamentals	ALL	3	
		Additional 3 hours from Area I, II, III or IV	ALL	3	List of Area I, II, III and IV courses
				14	Program Semester Hours

✓	Grade	Semester 3	S	CR	Notes & Milestones
		CIST 1602 Security Policies & Procedures	SU	3	
		CIST 2431 UNIX/Linux Introduction	SU	4	
		CIST 2601 Imp Operating System Security	SU	4	Prerequisites: CIST 1401 and CIST 1601
		Area II: Choose One	ALL	3	List of AREA II Courses¹
				14	Program Semester Hours
✓	Grade	Semester 4	S	CR	Notes and Milestones
		CIST 2411 Microsoft Client	ALL	4	
		CIST 2611 Network Defense and Countermeasures	FA	4	Prerequisites: CIST 1401 and CIST 1601
		CIST 2613 Ethical Hacking and Penetration Testing	FA	4	Prerequisite: CIST 1601
		Area IV: Choose One:			
		ARTS 1101 Art Appreciation or	ALL	3	Program Admission
		MUSC 1101 Music Appreciation or	ALL	3	Program Admission
		THEA 1101 Theater Appreciation or	FALL	3	Program Admission
		HUMN 1101 Introduction to Humanities	ALL	3	ENGL 1101 with a grade of C or better
		or			
		ENGL 2130 American Literature or	ALL	3	ENGL 1101 with a grade of C or better
		ENGL 2310 English Literature	SP	3	ENGL 1101 with a grade of C or better
				15	Program Semester Hours
✓	Grade	Semester 5			Notes and Milestones
		CIST 2612 Computer Forensics	SP	4	Prerequisites: CIST 1122 and CIST 1601
		CIST 2602 Network Security	SP	4	Prerequisites: CIST 1401 and CIST 1601
		CIST 2413 Microsoft Server Networking	ALL	4	
		CIST 2414 Windows Server Identify Services	ALL	4	
				16	Program Semester Hours
Always check online https://www.westgatech.edu/ and meet with your Advising or Faculty Coach to ensure you are viewing the latest and most accurate information.					

Note: If a course is full or unavailable when you to attempt to register, please select an available course from any term listed, given you have satisfied the required pre-requisite.

Credits for CIST or CISM courses are awarded only for courses that have been completed within the last seven years. Any courses completed over seven years ago may be recommended by the program chair and approved by the Dean of the School of Business/Public Services if the student presents recent, documented, in-field experience or current software certification.

Employment Opportunities: <https://www.westgatech.edu/student-life/career-services/>

Articulation Agreements: <https://www.westgatech.edu/admissions/registrars-office/articulation-agreements/>

Financial Aid by Program: <https://www.westgatech.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/WGTC-Available-Aid-By-Program-11-17-2023.pdf>

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¹ <https://westgatech.smartcatalogiq.com/en/2023-2024/student-catalog/academic-programs/associate-degrees/>