

ISEM FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

Q1: How many Courses are needed for an MS in ISEM

Answer: 12 courses (36 semester hours, 3 semester hours per course)

Q2: What are the required core courses in ISEM

Answer: Please view the ISEM Course List at [ISEM Course](#) or HU Graduate Catalog

Q3: Can I specialize in Technology Management, AI for Business, Cyber Security or Digital Health

Answer: You can specialize in any area by taking 3 electives in that area and then selecting the Capstone Project or Thesis in that area. Basically, your transcript reflects your area of specialization. Please review the ISEM Overview Document [ISEM Overview](#) for details.

Q4: Can I take Analytics and/or PMGT courses while I am in ISEM

Answer: Yes, definitely. Your Analytics and Project Mgmt courses will be counted as electives. You can take 5 electives in any area of study.

Q5: Can I finish the program in one year

Answer: Yes. Full time students can easily finish ISEM 12 courses in 3 semesters by taking 4 courses per semester.

Q6: How many online courses can I take in one semester

Answer: While on student visa, you can only take one online course per semester

Q7: How is CPT related to my coursework

Answer: It is your responsibility to take courses that support and enrich your CPT work. You should align your classroom projects to CPT as much as possible. Also, you should Make sure that your capstone Applied Project or Thesis supports your CPT work. For example, if your CPT work is in security, then your CPT Applied Project or Thesis should also be in security.

Q8: How many credits can I transfer and how does it happen

Answer: You can only transfer up to 6 semester hours (2 courses) of graduate work completed at another university

To initiate credit transfer, please do the following:

- Send an email to HU Registrar (reghelp@harrisburgu.edu)
- The Registrar Office will initiate the credit transfer process

Q9: Are weekly synchronous sessions through Adobe Connect required

Answer: These sessions are highly recommended because you can ask questions and participate in discussions. They are not required but if you don't attend them, then you will get a low grade in participation. We do record these sessions and post them in case you missed one.

Q10: What should I do if I need to travel overseas (e.g., India) during a semester

Answer: If you must travel to India then you have to do the following:

1. Inform the HU DSO office (email: DSO@harrisburgu.edu) about it with valid reasons and get their permission
2. Inform the relevant faculty to get their permission
3. You cannot ask for special favors. You must complete all classroom assignments as scheduled. Most countries are fully connected to the Internet, so there is no excuse for late or no assignment submissions.
4. Exceptions to this policy are only granted for severe situations such as death in the immediate family and must be submitted to the DSO and your Program Director with proper documentation

Caution: Some students have been dismissed from HU because they got an F due to a trip overseas and did not inform anyone about it.

Q11: About Capstone, what is the difference between an applied project and a thesis

Answer: Thesis entails conducting of research to address a problem (e.g., what are the costs and benefits of smart cities) as identified by the student while an applied project allows the student to pursue a practical area of interest (e.g., building a prototype or a game/simulation) that is within the broad scope of ISEM. A faculty member will supervise the capstone study (thesis or applied project).