



Missouri State University Campus

Missouri State University fulfills a statewide Public Affairs mission emphasizing ethical leadership, cultural competence, and community engagement. This mission guides the College of Business (COB) and its Department of Information Technology and Cybersecurity (ITC), where academic excellence meets real-world application.

The Center of Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity Operations, Research, and Engagement (C.O.R.E.), located in the COB and affiliated with the ITC Department, advances cybersecurity education, research, and outreach across Missouri. Through this outreach, we share our expertise via community engagement.

The COB is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), the premier longest-standing, globally recognized accrediting

body for schools of business. The B.S. in Information Technology – Cybersecurity is designated by the National Security Agency (NSA) as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense. Students learn from experienced full-time faculty and instructional practitioners in small classes and gain hands-on experience in modern labs, including a student-run Security Operations Center (SOC).

Guided by an industry advisory board, the ITC department has been leading Cybersecurity education in the Southwest Missouri region and ITC students excel in competitions such as the National Cyber League and Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (CCDC). Our students are securing professional positions and internships at regional and national companies in myriad industries and enjoy a very high placement rate.

The department also offers two M.S. degrees in Information Technology and Cybersecurity, designed for students and professionals advancing in IT, cybersecurity, and data analytics.

DESIGNATIONS

- CAE-Cyber Defense

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