University of Sri Jayewardenepura IT Departments Overview

Part 1: Department of Information Technology - Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce (FMSC)

Introduction and Vision

The Department of Information Technology is a cornerstone of the Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce and is dedicated to shaping the next generation of business and technology leaders. The department recognizes that in the modern corporate world, a deep understanding of Information Systems is not just a technical skill but a core literacy essential for any managerial role. It is committed to equipping students with a robust combination of applied technology, core business acumen, and advanced communication skills, ensuring they can compete and excel in a technology-driven global landscape.

Academic Offerings

The department offers a globally competitive, four-year special degree designed to create hybrid professionals who are fluent in both business management and information technology. The flagship program is the BSc Honours in Business Information Systems (BIS), which has been offered as a Special Degree and, from 2022, as an Honours Degree. This program is meticulously designed to provide students with a deep understanding of how to design, manage, and leverage information and communication technologies (ICT) to drive innovation and lead strategic initiatives within an organization.

Student Life and Support Ecosystem

The department provides a rich ecosystem of programs and services designed to support students throughout their academic journey and prepare them for their future careers.

A key event is the

BIS Student Symposium (BISSS), which is the department's premier annual academic event providing a formal platform for undergraduates to present their research and project innovations. The symposium's core objective is to encourage students to engage with the more socially conscious and applied aspects of Information Systems. It features two main tracks for Information Systems research presentations and IS development project presentations. This event brings together students, faculty, and industry practitioners and culminates in an awards ceremony that recognizes the best work.

Comprehensive

Student Support Services (SSS) have been established to foster a strong relationship between students and the department. This service provides holistic support across

several key areas, including Academic Mentoring for guidance on academic progress; Career Guidance and Internship Support to help students prepare for careers ; information on available Financial Support ; workshops for ICT & Soft Skill Development; Outbound Training and Field Tours for experiential learning ; and services for Personality Development & Student Counseling.

The

Internship and Career Guidance (DIT Career Hub) places a strong emphasis on practical experience and career readiness. The DIT Career Hub actively works to secure internship and career opportunities for all undergraduates. Its key activities include fostering industry partnerships with global tech giants like Virtusa and leading firms like KPMG to provide internships and shape career pathways. It also holds preparation workshops, such as the "DIT Career Launchpad" series, focusing on CV preparation and interview skills, as well as mock interviews and career fairs to connect students with employers.

Student life is also driven by **S@IT** and **Dhack**. S@IT is the official and vibrant student community of the Department of Information Technology. It is the driving force behind many student-led initiatives, fostering a sense of community, organizing events, and managing communications. Dhack is a primary student engagement activity, serving as the department's platform for competitive technology events like hackathons, allowing students to apply their skills to solve real-world problems.

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Alumni Association of the Department of Information Technology (DITAA) serves as a vital bridge between the department and its graduates. Its mission is to foster a lifelong community through networking, mentorship, and professional development. The association offers networking events , mentorship programs where alumni guide current students , career support with exclusive job postings , and a platform for alumni to give back through scholarships and volunteering.

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Part 2: Department of Information & Communication Technology - Faculty of Technology

The vision of the Department of Information & Communication Technology at the Faculty of Technology is to "graduate highly innovative, creative, industry-focused Information and Communication Technologists." Its mission focuses on providing a cutting-edge education, equipping students with competencies in emerging technologies to contribute to a sustainable future.

The department offers the Bachelor of Information and Communication Technology (BICT) Honours Degree, which is a four-year professional program. It admits 163 students annually from the GCE A/L Technology stream. A key departmental focus is aligning its curriculum with the Seoul Accord, an international benchmark for quality in computing education, which ensures global recognition for graduates. This program structure includes a mandatory six-month industry internship and a final-year research project. Undergraduates can specialize in Multimedia Technology, Network Technology, and Software Technology.

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Part 3: Department of Information and Communication Technology - Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (FHSS)

This department is dedicated to shaping the future of technology by inspiring students and driving innovation. It focuses on delivering top-quality education through creative teaching methods and cutting-edge research to build student confidence for the dynamic world of ICT. The department offers programs designed for those looking to launch a career or upskill in the IT field.

The courses and certifications available include a Diploma in Information Technology, which is a comprehensive program providing foundational skills and knowledge for an IT career. It also offers an Advanced Certificate in Information Technology, a program for those seeking a prestigious state university certification to validate and advance their IT skills.

Regarding graduate success, the department emphasizes its strong industry connections that help students secure valuable internships. Testimonials from its graduates highlight successful career placements in roles such as QA Engineer, UI/UX Engineer, and Project Manager at prominent Sri Lankan companies.

Part 4: General University Information

The University of Sri Jayewardenepura is a major public research university with a rich history that dates back to the Vidyodaya Pirivena, a Buddhist center of learning established in 1873. It was granted university status in 1958 and is known today as the largest university in Sri Lanka by student population and for its commitment to evolution and innovation. The university's motto is "Among all that arise, knowledge is the greatest."

The university leadership includes the Chancellor, Ven. Dr. Ittapana Dhammalankara Thero, and the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Pathmalal M. Manage.

Several key university-wide institutes and units support the academic community. These include the Postgraduate Institute of Management (PIM), a highly respected, semi-autonomous institute for postgraduate business education ; the Centre for IT Services (CITS), which is the central hub managing the university's IT infrastructure ; and the Career

Guidance Unit (CGU), a university-wide unit established in 1998 that provides professional guidance, hosts job fairs, and runs skills development programs for all students.