

## Changing your Major

**Both MSIS and MSCS students have equal success in VISA interviews.**

Send an email to [graduate.processing@marist.edu](mailto:graduate.processing@marist.edu) requesting a change of major.

**MS in Computer Science Software Development** concentrates on understanding and writing code. Eight of the ten best job opportunities for 2022 are in this field of study.\* Students with many technical undergraduate degrees can pursue the MSCS. Two prerequisite courses are required for international students. The other two prerequisite courses are waived. You will take a total of 40 credit hours.

**MS in Information Systems** concentrates on big data, systems management, and management skills. This is a very popular major for students with many different Bachelor's degrees. You will take a total of 36 credit hours.

### Choosing your Concentration or Track

If you are changing from MSCS to MSIS, choose an area of concentration. Include your concentration area in your email request to change your major.

- Business Analytics
- Computer Networks and Security
- Information Systems Management

Students changing from MSIS to MSCS, choose a track for your specialty. Include your track specialty in your email request to change your major.

- Cloud Computing
- Mobile Computing

You can change the Concentration or Track in your major starting in your second month of classes. Email [Eitel.Lauria@Marist.edu](mailto:Eitel.Lauria@Marist.edu) in the second month of your classes.

### Deadline for changes

Spring/January Starting – The deadline to change major is November 1

- The major in your official record on November 1 is the major you must take.
- Students may not change majors after November 1
- No student may change majors on campus for any reason.
- Students accepted on or after November 1 have one week to change their major.

Fall/August starting students – The deadline to change major is June 1

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- No student may change majors on campus for any reason.
- Students accepted on or after June 1 have one week to change their major.