

Scheduling Coursework for the MA ICS

The MA ICS allows the student to complete course work in a variety of flexible formats. Of the required 32 credit hours, 18 (normally six courses) must be completed on the Trinity campus in Deerfield, IL. Other courses may be taken at extension sites, as distance courses, or as guided research.

All course planning should be done in careful consultation with your MA ICS faculty advisor to insure that you attain your educational goals in the most optimal time frame.

Courses offered on the Trinity campus

In addition to regular semester courses, each summer modular courses are offered at the Trinity campus in Deerfield. (Normally two courses can be taken in a single three week period.) Regularly, courses are also offered during the fall or spring semester in a two-week modular format.

Course offered through Trinity's extension sites

Trinity offers courses at nine sites throughout the Midwest and at the South Florida campus. A class normally meets on four weekends. See www.tiu.edu/etrinity/extension/sites for listings of sites, schedules and course offerings.

Distance learning

Trinity also offers a variety of courses that can be applied to the MA ICS and taken by distance anywhere in the world. For a listing of such courses see www.tiu.edu/etrinity/de/courses/courselist.htm. Students can also arrange for guided research courses with a Trinity professor. These are especially suited for field-based learning and projects.

Examples for completing course requirements

The following are typical scenarios for completing course requirements. Other combinations of residence and distance are also possible.

CASE 1 – non-residential, combination of summer modular and distance courses

1 st summer at Trinity	6 credit hours (2 courses)
2 nd summer at Trinity	6 credit hours (2 courses)
3 rd summer at Trinity	6 credit hours (2 courses)
Courses by distance or at extension sites	12 credit hours (3 courses)

CASE 2 – one semester residence plus one summer modular and extension courses

One semester residence at Trinity	15 credit hours (5 courses)
Courses by distance or at extension sites	12 credit hours (4 courses)
One summer at Trinity	3 credit hours (1 course)

CASE 3 – Traditional, one year residence at Trinity

Fall semester	15 credit hours (5 courses)
Spring semester	15 credit hours (5 courses)

The capstone exercise (integrative paper or thesis, 2 credit hours) can be done either on or off campus.