FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is Industrial Technology?

Industrial Technology is a management-oriented technical degree that emphasizes productivity. Students take management as well as technical courses and learn to use an organization's resources efficiently. Approximately 125 colleges in the United States offer degrees in Industrial Technology. The degree program at SIU specializes in the manufacturing setting, but has direct application in the service sector and office setting.

2. Is this an engineering degree?

No, but it is offered by the College of Engineering at SIUC. The Industrial Technology program investigates the many different departmental entities that make up most manufacturing enterprises. This investigation is great in breadth, rather than the depth of most true engineering fields (chemical, civil, electrical, and mechanical). It goes into the inner workings and management of these technical entities. SIUC's IT degree program explores the true theoretical basis and practical application of each area covered.

3. What are my career choices in Industrial Technology?

Most graduates take jobs as Engineers or Managers. Many students have significant work experience, and they elevate their existing jobs to a higher level when they graduate. Others enter entirely new careers. Graduates have a broad array of career choices. Recent graduates have started careers in manufacturing, retailing, communications, health, law enforcement, computers, and as military officers. The list of career possibilities is endless.

4. How long does it take to complete the Industrial Technology Program?

The weekend program consists of sixteen Industrial Technology courses. Completion of the IT courses requires approximately 2 years.

5. What else do I have to do to earn my degree?

In addition to the Industrial Technology courses, students need math, physics, technical electives, and typical general education courses required for any Bachelors degree.

6. Where are the classes held?

Classes for the military programs are held on the bases. During national emergencies the classes may be moved to a nearby junior college. Civilians may attend the classes on military bases. Refer to the locations listing on our website or call the Outreach main office.
7. When are the classes?

The off-campus classes are usually held every other weekend. Each course meets on Saturday and Sunday, from 8 AM to 4:30 PM, for three weekends. Occasionally classes meet on consecutive weekends. For students enrolled through the military programs, one or two classes each semester will be an independent study class, having no actual class meetings.

8. When can new students begin?

New students may begin the program at the start of any course. Students do not have to start at the beginning of the semester. Consult the schedule on our website or call for class dates.

9. What if I miss a weekend?

Students who miss a weekend of class usually make up the work and do not have to drop the class. Each weekend is one third of the course and students should avoid missing class time, if possible. Students must notify the instructor before any absence.

10. How much does it cost?

The tuition is $334.67 per credit hour for industrial sites. The tuition is currently $225 per credit hour for military sites. There is a total of 48 credit hours.

11. Is financial aid available?

Financial aid is available for those who qualify. VA benefits may be used for this program. Our program is also an approved training program for the unemployment WIA program. Please see the Financial Aid office’s website for student loan information and for any grants and scholarships that may be available.

12. Can I transfer courses from other schools?

Yes. SIUC accepts credits from other accredited colleges. All of the courses you have taken may or may not apply to the Industrial Technology degree.

13. Can I get credit for work experience?

Yes. Certain military or civilian training and work experience may be accepted for technical electives and/or senior institution credit only. Work experience will not substitute for any coursework.

14. Is the off-campus program fully accredited?

Yes. SIU is a major state university and is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The off-campus program is included in that accreditation. Association of Technology, Management and Applied Engineering also accredits the Industrial Technology degree. Graduates of SIU are automatically eligible to apply for a Certified Industrial Technologist certificate through ATMAE.
15. What if I already have a bachelor’s degree?

Students who already have a bachelor’s degree usually will only need to take the Industrial Technology courses plus possibly College Algebra & Trigonometry and Physics courses.

16. Are there any prerequisites for the Industrial Technology courses?

Yes. College Algebra and Trigonometry are required before a student can register for IT 307. If a student chooses not to take the prerequisite, they are doing so at their own risk. College Algebra and Trig must still be taken even if the student receives a passing grade for IT 307.

17. How do I get admitted to the Industrial Technology off-campus program?

If you plan to attend classes at one of our military sites, please call the base coordinator for an application. If you plan to attend classes at one of our Illinois sites, please call an advisor for an information packet. Interested students can also print an application from our website, All applications should be mailed to the Outreach office.

18. Where do I purchase textbooks?

You can purchase textbooks through any online bookstore such as Amazon or MBSdirect.net. There is a listing of online sites on our website under Useful Links. We provide the title, author, and ISBN number so you will be able to order the correct edition for the course.

19. Where do I find information about the course and textbook?

Course information, textbook information, syllabus, instructor name, and classroom for each class are posted on our website.

20. How do I get registered for classes?

Students will self-register through the SalukiNet portal found on the SIUC homepage, www.siu.edu. You will need to obtain a network ID and password to access your records and to self-register. There are instructions on that portal page or you can ask your advisor or base coordinator for the instructions. Students will be given information for self-registration before the beginning of each semester by your advisor or base coordinator.

21. What if I have technical problems with setting up a network ID and password?

You can call the Information Technology department’s Help Desk at 1-866-718-4357 for assistance.

22. What is a RUN number and where do I find it?

A RUN is a unique registration identification number assigned to each student for self-registration purposes. It will change each semester. You can get this number from your advisor or base coordinator only.
23. What is a CRN?

CRN stands for course registration number. It is a 4-digit number unique for each course offered by SIUC. Your advisor or base coordinator will give you the CRNs for the courses offered for the semester. This will make the self-registration processes quicker and easier for the student.

24. What is the Technology Off-Campus Degree Programs' website, mailing address, and phone number?

www.engr.siu.edu/tocdp

618-536-5545 or toll free at 1-888-536-4112

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