

About the Program

The Technical Certificate (T.C.) in Digital Forensics prepares students for a career in the field of data forensics. Students develop a solid foundation in digital forensics and how it applies to computer hardware, software, and peripherals.

Upon completion of this program, student will be prepared to pursue industry recognized certifications such as CompTIA's A+ Microcomputer Technician certification, Linux+, and Security+.

Program Requirements

This program requires a **minimum of 32 credit hours**. Total program hours may vary based on the student's individual academic plan. This program is **eligible** for financial aid.

Students in this certificate program **are not required** to complete math courses unless they are listed as part of the certificate program. If you plan to pursue the degree program in this same field, please note that **this certificate articulates directly into the Network Systems Technology (A.S.) (2156) degree**, which includes a **Mathematical Thinking in Context math pathway**. To learn more about the Network Systems Technology degree, visit fscj.edu/academics/programs/as/2156.

Placement Testing

Please meet with an advisor to determine if college placement testing is required. Students who place into **developmental education courses** are required to complete designated developmental education courses with a grade of C or higher regardless of program of study and are also required to take one of two student success strategies courses. For additional information, visit catalog.fscj.edu/academics/developmental-education-programs or speak with an advisor.

Technical Certificate Graduation Requirements

- ☐ Fulfill all academic requirements for the chosen program of study as outlined in the Florida State College at Jacksonville catalog and curriculum.
- ☐ Earn minimum prescribed semester hours for the chosen program of study with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (C) on a 4.0 scale on all courses that apply to the chosen program of study.
- ☐ Complete a minimum of 25 percent of the total hours required for the program in residence at Florida State College at Jacksonville. Credit by examination and credit for prior learning do not count toward this residency requirement.
- ☐ Fulfill all obligations, financial or otherwise, to the College before graduating.

Catalog Year

This document is prepared for students with a **2025-26 College Catalog year** who have not tested into developmental education courses. **Students who enter under the 2025-26 catalog** will be assigned to the degree or certificate requirements in effect during the 2025-26 academic year. The student's assigned catalog year will remain in effect as long as the student maintains continuous enrollment. Changes to requirements as mandated by law or by rule of the District Board of Trustees may supersede this provision.

To maintain continuous enrollment, a student must have registration for, and successful completion of, at least one course within a three-term period. After three consecutive terms of no enrollment, the student will be discontinued from the current program of study and will need to apply to FSCJ to reenter under the same program of study. Upon readmission, the student will be assigned to the current catalog of record in the chosen program.

Curriculum

All courses in this program must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

Sample Roadmap

This sample roadmap shows one possible pathway to program completion and may not be appropriate for all students. **Terms Offered** are subject to change. Please verify course availability at fscj.edu/schedules. Prior to enrolling in classes, please meet with an advisor for specific guidance about your individual academic plan.

Term 1

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CTS 1131C - Hardware Configuration, Credit Hours: 3. Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer. | Grade Earned: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CTS 1133C - Software Configuration, Credit Hours: 3. Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer. | Grade Earned: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CNT 1015C - Operating Systems Foundations, Credit Hours: 3. Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer. | Grade Earned: _____ |

Term 2

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CTS 1334C - Server Configuration, Credit Hours: 4. Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer. | Grade Earned: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CTS 1120C - Fundamentals of Information Security, Credit Hours: 3. Industry Certifications: CompTIA Security+. Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer. | Grade Earned: _____ |

Term 3

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CAP 2140C - Data Forensics I, Credit Hours: 4. Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer. | Grade Earned: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CTS 2662C - Voice over IP (VoIP), Credit Hours: 4. Terms Offered: Fall. | Grade Earned: _____ |

Term 4

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CNT 2404C - Intrusion Detection Systems and Auditing, Credit Hours: 4. Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer. | Grade Earned: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CAP 2141C - Data Forensics II - Advanced, Credit Hours: 4. Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer. | Grade Earned: _____ |

Course Requirements

Prerequisites, corequisites, and conditions for any course are subject to change. Students must meet the prerequisite and corequisite requirements of any course at the time the student attempts to register for that course. If you have questions about the prerequisites, corequisites, or conditions for a course, please contact any academic advisor.

Professional Courses

Complete all of the following courses.

CTS 1131C - Hardware Configuration, Credit Hours: 3. **Prerequisite(s)**: None. **Corequisite(s)**: None. **Conditions**: None. **Terms Offered**: Fall, Spring, Summer.

CTS 1133C - Software Configuration, Credit Hours: 3. **Prerequisite(s)**: None. **Corequisite(s)**: None. **Conditions**: None. **Terms Offered**: Fall, Spring, Summer.

CTS 1120C - Fundamentals of Information Security, Credit Hours: 3. **Industry Certifications**: CompTIA Security+. **Prerequisite(s)**: Prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher. Option 1: CTS 1131C and CTS 1133C. Option 2: CGS 1060C and CNT 1015C and CNT 2001C. **Corequisite(s)**: None. **Conditions**: None. **Terms Offered**: Fall, Spring, Summer.

CNT 1015C - Operating Systems Foundations, Credit Hours: 3. **Prerequisite(s)**: None. **Corequisite(s)**: None. **Conditions**: None. **Terms Offered**: Fall, Spring, Summer.

CTS 1334C - Server Configuration, Credit Hours: 4. **Prerequisite(s)**: CTS 1131C and CTS 1133C both with a grade of C or higher. **Corequisite(s)**: None. **Conditions**: None. **Terms Offered**: Fall, Spring, Summer.

CAP 2140C - Data Forensics I, Credit Hours: 4. **Prerequisite(s)**: CTS 1131C and CTS 1133C and CTS 1120C, each with a grade of C or higher. **Corequisite(s)**: None. **Conditions**: None. **Terms Offered**: Fall, Spring, Summer.

CAP 2141C - Data Forensics II - Advanced, Credit Hours: 4. **Prerequisite(s)**: CAP 2140C with a grade of C or higher. **Corequisite(s)**: None. **Conditions**: None. **Terms Offered**: Fall, Spring, Summer.

CNT 2404C - Intrusion Detection Systems and Auditing, Credit Hours: 4. **Prerequisite(s)**: CET 2662 with a grade of C or higher. **Corequisite(s)**: None. **Conditions**: None. **Terms Offered**: Fall, Spring, Summer.

CTS 2662C - Voice over IP (VoIP), Credit Hours: 4. **Prerequisite(s)**: CTS 2655C with a grade of C or higher. **Corequisite(s)**: None. **Conditions**: None. **Terms Offered**: Fall.