



De La Salle University

Doctorate in Information Technology (DIT) Program of DLSU-CCS

The Doctorate in Information Technology Program of the DLSU College of Computer Studies is a three-year postgraduate course that targets high-level policy- and decision-makers, with the intent of enabling them to manage macro as well as micro ICT issues in diverse social contexts. The program is expected to be research oriented yet professionally relevant, equipping its graduates to engage meaningfully with concrete social realities in ways that are conceptually grounded.

The course focuses on managing IT in business, educational, and government institutions. One implication is that professionals must be prepared to frame goals for IT interventions in ways that transcend widely-accepted or “common” IT objectives like efficiency, effectiveness, and profitability, while considering other goals such as participation in decision making, quality of relationships, or quality of life. In the course of taking the program students will increasingly need to acknowledge the complexity of ICT, therefore moving away from oversimplified models that view IT processes as linear, predictable, and deterministic.

The program thus seeks to develop professionals who will plan, design, and evaluate IT interventions that are not just transformational, but theoretically informed, critical, ethical, and relevant to Philippine society’s most pressing needs.

GRADUATE PROFILE

Graduates are expected to take on positions of leadership and influence in society: as policy makers, chief information officers, innovators, heads of organizations or officers in charge of large departments.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE PROGRAM

The DIT offered within a Lasallian context should therefore have five basic foundations:

1. Strong theoretical and conceptual grounding.
2. An emphasis on the relevance of theory to practice.
3. A focus on diverse social contexts.
4. An emphasis on the transformational potentials and limitations of IT, as well as the complex social factors that shape IT.
5. An emphasis on ethics.

COURSE CREDITS

Foundation courses			
•	F1: Foundations in IT	3	
•	F2: Foundations of Social Theory	3	
•	F3: Ethical Theories and Applications	3	
•	F4: An Overview of IT in Society	3	12
Electives			
•	IT in education (E1, E2, E3)		9
•	IT in government/ emphasis on development (E1, E2, E3)		
•	IT in business (E1, E2, E3)		
Immersion (3 units)			3
Research Methods (3 units)			3
Dissertation (12 units, culminating in a public defense)			12
GRAND TOTAL			39

BASIC COURSE FLOWCHART

Summer	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Summer	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Summer	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
	F1	F3	E1		E2	E3		Dissertation			
	F2	F4	Immersion		Methods						