

# Information Technology & Cybersecurity Combined Degree Program Podcast

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Hello, my name is Maggie and I am a staff member in The Graduate School at Grand Valley State University. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about GVSU's Information Technology and Cybersecurity combined degree program. A combined degree program allows students to complete their bachelor's and master's degree in as few as 5 years, thus saving both time and money compared to completing both degrees separately. Today we're going to cover the admissions process, program requirements, and the qualities that distinguish this program.

Let's start by explaining to you what this program entails. GVSU undergraduate students pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology may pursue a Master of Science in Cybersecurity at Grand Valley through this combined degree program. In the program, students will have the opportunity to enhance their skillset and refine their career goals. As I mentioned, students in Grand Valley's combined degree programs are able to complete both degrees in as few as 5 years, while a traditional pathway would require 6 or more years to complete both a Bachelor's and Master's degree.

Interested students may apply for this combined program during their second academic year. Additional requirements specific to the Master of Science in Cybersecurity combined degree program include an overall GPA of 3.25 or greater, 60 hours of academic credit completed or in progress, two letters of recommendation, and a letter of intent.

More program details, as well as the online application can be found on the Information Technology and Master of Science in Cybersecurity combined degree website, [www.gvsu.edu/combineddegrees/](http://www.gvsu.edu/combineddegrees/).

The great news about Grand Valley's graduate programs is that tuition rates do not change based on residency status. In other words, there are no extra costs for being an out of state student. Current tuition costs and information about scholarships and financial aid can be found at [www.gvsu.edu/financialaid](http://www.gvsu.edu/financialaid) or by calling 616-331-3234. For information on graduate assistantships, please contact The Graduate School at [gradschool@gvsu.edu](mailto:gradschool@gvsu.edu).

By focusing on the underlying principles behind cybersecurity, this program prepares students to handle future cybersecurity challenges in addition to today's threats. Classes are offered in evenings or online for the convenience of working professionals, and all graduate faculty members at GVSU are experts in the field, holding doctorate degrees.

This is just a snapshot of the Information Technology and Master of Science in Cybersecurity combined degree program at Grand Valley State University. We hope that you will consider applying to a graduate program at GVSU. Any questions can be directed to the Graduate Program Director, Dr. Andrew Kalafut, at [kalafuta@gvsu.edu](mailto:kalafuta@gvsu.edu) or to The Graduate School at [gradschool@gvsu.edu](mailto:gradschool@gvsu.edu). Thank you for your time and we hope you have enjoyed this podcast.