



## Microsoft IT Academy Programme enables institutions to:

- **Offer world-class technology curriculum** to help students gain experience in the latest Microsoft technologies for basic technology proficiency and advanced IT education to earn Microsoft certification in application development, support, systems administration, and other areas.
- **Provide rich, online learning resources** for anytime, anywhere IT learning for students and for instructor and staff professional development.
- **Link academic learning to real-world job skills** to help students graduate with the IT skills needed to advance in their career.
- **Create a skilled workforce for employers** so applicants with relevant technology education and skills are available in the workforce.
- **Connect students and instructors to Microsoft** for lifelong personal and professional skills development.

## A global learning solution

*The Microsoft IT Academy Programme is a global IT education solution connecting students, instructors, institutions, and communities through a life-long learning model of technology-skills development. Academic institutions worldwide look to the Microsoft IT Academy Programme to offer the latest IT education programmes for Microsoft technologies.*

Courses are available to students working toward proficiency with everyday business applications and to those pursuing an IT career path. Member institutions may also offer programme courses for faculty and staff professional development.

Prodigy Learning is Microsoft's official Academic Engagement Partner (AEP) in the UK and Ireland. Prodigy Learning is available to support Microsoft IT Academy membership applications, membership renewals and all courseware requirements.

With Microsoft IT Academy membership, institutions gain the instant recognition and credibility of the Microsoft brand along with a comprehensive curriculum, software, and resources for students and instructors. Communities and businesses also benefit with a highly trained and employable workforce.

### Microsoft IT Academy Programme membership cycle options

Membership cycles	Enrollment periods
January 1–December 31	October 1–March 31
July 1–June 30	April 1–September 30

Registrations are accepted at any time during the calendar year, although membership costs are not pro-rated.

### Programme levels

Microsoft IT Academy membership is available at two levels:

- The **Essential** level is designed for institutions teaching Microsoft Office courses.
- The **Advanced** level is intended for institutions offering courses leading to certification in Microsoft technologies.

### Microsoft IT Academy Programme benefits

Membership in the Microsoft IT Academy Programme provides valuable benefits for learning institutions, instructors, students, and communities.

Each membership level offers a variety of tools and resources to support your institution in delivering quality training for Microsoft technologies.

<i>Worldwide Microsoft IT Academy benefits</i>	<i>Essential</i>	<i>Advanced</i>
<b>Curriculum</b>		
<b>Microsoft E-Learning portfolio</b> E-learning portfolio provides more than 300 multimedia courses including simulations, games, and videos to help students and instructors improve their skills.	•	•
<b>Instructor e-learning course management tool</b> Instructors can send group e-mail messages, monitor student performance, and manage student access to e-learning courses.	•	•
<b>Microsoft E-Reference Books Library</b> Library enables searches through more than 500 technology books published by Microsoft Press. Three instructor subscriptions are included with Microsoft IT Academy membership and discounted rates are available for students.		•
<b>Microsoft Digital Literacy</b> Curriculum provides essential skills for students new to computing.	•	•
<b>Professional courseware</b> (fees apply) Microsoft IT Academy members receive special pricing for Official Microsoft Learning Products including courseware, seminars, workshops, and clinics (may vary by country).		•
<b>Academic textbooks</b> (fees apply) Microsoft Official Academic Course (MOAC) provides curriculum for semester-based and quarter-based courses. Supplements include an instructor resource centre, teaching notes, virtual labs, assessments, and sample syllabi. Available only to academic institutions.	•	•
<b>Software and resources</b>		
<b>Lab licenses*</b> <b>Advanced level</b> members may request up to 100 licenses for Windows server and client products, including Windows Vista Business for classroom use. <b>Essential level</b> members may request up to 50 licenses for Office Professional Edition 2003 and/or Office Professional 2007 for classroom use. <i>* Additional media and shipping charges may apply.</i>	•	•
<b>MSDN Academic Alliance</b> (MSDN AA) One-year downloads subscription for Developer and Designer MSDN AA tracks allowing use of Microsoft platform, server, developer, and designer products on the personal computers of students and faculty.		•
<b>Microsoft TechNet Plus</b> One-year subscription to Microsoft TechNet Plus Direct, and a discount on additional subscriptions. Allows download of knowledge base articles, security updates, utilities, and other resources.		•
<b>Certification exams</b>		
<b>Microsoft certifications</b> Microsoft IT Academy members receive discount pricing on select Microsoft certification exams. Discounts vary by exam type and geographic location.	•	•
<b>Microsoft Certified Trainer</b> (MCT) Each Microsoft IT Academy institution receives one Microsoft Certified Trainer membership and a 25 percent discount on additional MCT memberships for qualified instructors. At the Essential level, instructors with certifications on the 2007 Microsoft Office system are eligible for MCT membership.	•	•
<b>Marketing resources</b>		
<b>Welcome kit</b> Members receive a welcome letter, plaque, and posters to promote their Microsoft IT Academy membership.	•	•
<b>Microsoft IT Academy Programme member logo</b> Members receive access to the Microsoft IT Academy logo for marketing use.	•	•
<b>Microsoft IT Academy Locator</b> Using the Microsoft IT Academy Locator, prospective students can quickly find nearby Microsoft IT Academy institutions.	•	•

*More information*

**Microsoft IT Academy Programme:** [www.microsoftitacademy.com](http://www.microsoftitacademy.com)

**Microsoft IT Academy Locator:** [www.microsoft.com/education/msitacademy/itaplocator.msp](http://www.microsoft.com/education/msitacademy/itaplocator.msp)

**Prodigy Learning:** [www.prodigysolutions.com](http://www.prodigysolutions.com)

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