

Syracuse University Launches Uniquely Comprehensive AI Academic Portfolio

Degree programs, student bootcamp, research place Syracuse among a small group of universities offering a full, interdisciplinary path into AI

SYRACUSE, NY, UNITED STATES, July 8, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Syracuse University](#) today announced the launch of a sweeping [artificial intelligence](#) academic portfolio for Fall 2026, giving students an unusually complete set of pathways into one of the most consequential fields of the century.

The portfolio includes standalone bachelor's and master's degree programs, cross-disciplinary minors, hands-on co-curricular opportunities and research that together make up a single, coherent ecosystem.

"While AI degree programs are proliferating nationally, few institutions are bringing the full picture to market at once," says Lois Agnew, vice chancellor, provost and chief academic officer. "This is an entire environment for students who want to master AI and shape what it becomes. Whether they want to build the technology, govern it or apply it to a wide range of disciplines, there is now a clear path for these students at Syracuse."

Academic Opportunities in AI

The Syracuse AI portfolio includes new bachelor's and master's degrees in Artificial Intelligence Science; a new bachelor's degree in Integrative Artificial Intelligence; a master's degree in Applied Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence; seven AI minors; a broad research portfolio across multiple schools and colleges; and a peer-led bootcamp designed to provide students with hands-on AI experience as soon as they arrive on campus.

"Artificial intelligence isn't confined to a single classroom or discipline at Syracuse University—it's woven into how our students learn, how our faculty conduct research and how we prepare graduates for a workforce being reshaped by this technology," says Jeff Rubin, senior vice president for digital transformation, chief digital officer and interim dean of the School of Information Studies. "From new degree programs to cross-campus research initiatives, we're building an AI portfolio that reflects both the urgency and the opportunity this moment demands."

The breadth and depth of this portfolio are what distinguishes the Syracuse approach. The

bachelor's in Integrative Artificial Intelligence is designed for students who want to combine AI with other interests, from public affairs to design to the life sciences. The seven new minors let students in any major add AI fluency in areas like policy, ethics and data. And the AI Bootcamp, a student-led program offering stackable microcredentials, provides students with AI immersion even before they declare a major.

Students are also driving the momentum through the student-led AI organization, United AI, which gives undergraduates hands-on research experience through its Foundry program, cross-campus education initiatives and direct partnerships with leading AI companies.

"Students don't experience AI as a single subject, and we didn't want to teach it that way," says Julie Hasenwinkel, interim dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science and associate provost for academic programs. "We built this portfolio so that a future engineer, a future policymaker and a future artist can all find a serious path into AI here and can start the moment they arrive on campus."

Robust Research

Syracuse University boasts a robust and growing portfolio of research and creative activity related to artificial intelligence. With work spanning engineering, computer science, law, public policy, communications and the humanities, faculty and students are applying AI to challenges ranging from cybersecurity and health care to media literacy and the arts. This interdisciplinary momentum reflects the University's commitment to advancing AI research that is both technically rigorous and grounded in real-world impact.

"Our faculty are not studying artificial intelligence in the abstract," says Duncan Brown, vice president for research. "They are building systems that detect synthetic media, investigating how algorithmic decision-making affects communities, developing new approaches to cybersecurity and creating new AI capabilities beyond today's large language models. Students who come to Syracuse will learn from researchers who are actively shaping how AI is built, governed and understood."

Learn more about artificial intelligence at Syracuse University by visiting www.syracuse.edu/academics/ai.

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