2012/2013 SGS Calendar entry

Information

Faculty Affiliation

Information

Degree Programs Offered

Information – MI, JD/MI, Concurrent Registration Option (MI/MMSt)
Information Studies – PhD

Concentrations:
- Library and Information Science (MI/PhD)
- Archives and Records Management (MI/PhD)
- Information Systems and Design (MI/PhD)
- Knowledge Management and Information Management (MI/PhD)
- Critical Information Studies (MI/PhD)
- Cultural Heritage (PhD) (admission to MI temporarily ceased)
- Philosophy of Information (PhD) (admission to MI temporarily ceased)
- Culture and Technology (MI)
- Knowledge Media Design (MI)

Museum Studies – MMSt, Concurrent Registration Option (MMSt/MI)

Diploma Programs Offered

Information Studies – Graduate Diploma of Advanced Study in Information Studies (a post-master’s diploma)

Collaborative Programs

The following collaborative programs are available to students in participating degree programs as listed below:

1. Addiction Studies
   - Information, MI
   - Information Studies, PhD

2. Aging, Palliative and Supportive Care Across the Life Course
   - Information, MI
   - Information Studies, PhD

3. Book History and Print Culture
   - Information, MI
   - Information Studies, PhD
   - Museum Studies, MMSt

4. Environmental Studies
   - Information, MI
   - Information Studies, PhD

5. Jewish Studies
   - Museum Studies, MMSt

6. Knowledge Media Design
   - Information, MI
   - Information Studies, PhD

7. Sexual Diversity Studies
• Information, MI
• Information Studies, PhD
• Museum Studies, MMSt

8. Women and Gender Studies
• Information, MI
• Information Studies, PhD

9. Women’s Health
• Information, MI
• Information Studies, PhD

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Overview

The Faculty of Information combines strengths in the stewardship and curation of cultural heritage (libraries, archives, and museums) with leadership in the future of information practice as society is transformed by the rise of digital technologies.

The Master of Information (MI) program allows students to explore the breadth of information and to focus on one or more areas of study. Students may choose one of two pathways to completion: the general program including coursework only or thesis options; or the concentration pathway in which students choose one or two of seven concentrations.

The Combined Juris Doctor/Master of Information (JD/MI) program is offered jointly by the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Information. Students receive two degrees, information and law.

The Doctor of Philosophy program in Information Studies provides opportunities for advanced scholarly inquiry into theoretical aspects of information and in the empirical investigations of information in various contexts.

The Master of Museum Studies (MMSt) program prepares students for future involvement in museums and related cultural agencies. The program examines the theoretical body of knowledge of museology as a necessary context for professional practice. The Faculty of Information also provides a Concurrent Registration Option whereby students may register concurrently in the Master of Information and Master of Museum Studies programs.

A post-master’s Graduate Diploma of Advanced Study in Information Studies is also offered.

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Degree Programs

Information

Master of Information

The Faculty of Information offers two pathways to complete the Master of Information (MI) program:

 Concentration Pathway (students choose one or two of seven concentrations)

General Program Pathway, including coursework only or thesis option

Minimum Admission Requirements

• Applicants are admitted under the General Regulations of the School of Graduate Studies. Application deadlines are available on the Faculty of Information website.

• An appropriate bachelor's degree with at least a B average (3.0 GPA) from a university recognized by the University of Toronto. Generally, successful applicants hold an academic level of B+ (3.3 GPA) or higher in the final year.
• The bachelor's degree must normally contain at least 75% academic credits—that is, courses that are not professional, practical, technical, or vocational. Courses such as studio art, drama or music performance, theology, education, or undergraduate courses in library science are not normally considered to be sufficiently academic in content for admission purposes.

• Applicants who meet current admission requirements and who hold a BLS degree from the University of Toronto, or its equivalent from an approved university, may be admitted to the MI program with advanced standing. Such students may be required to take additional courses if certain requisite instruction is lacking.

• Applicants wishing to focus on information systems must also have completed the equivalent of 2.0 approved full-course equivalents (FCEs) in computer science and 1.0 approved FCE in mathematics.

• Applicants who have satisfactory standing in an undergraduate program and who have successfully completed information studies graduate courses in programs equivalent to the University of Toronto MI program may also apply for admission with advanced standing. Each application will be evaluated individually. At least 4.0 FCEs towards the MI degree must be taken at the University of Toronto.

• All incoming graduate students must have a good command of English. All applicants educated outside Canada whose primary language is not English must demonstrate facility in the English language. This requirement is a condition of admission and must be met before an offer of admission is made. The English language requirement may be satisfied using one of the following tests:
  1. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with the following minimum scores:
     - paper-based TOEFL exam: 600 with 5.5 on the Test of Written English (TWE)
     - Internet-based TOEFL exam: 100/120 with 24/30 on the speaking section and 27/30 on the writing section
  2. Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB) with a minimum required score of 95.
  3. International English Language Testing System (IELTS) with a minimum required score of 8.0.
  4. English Language Diagnosis and Assessment (ELDA)/Certificate of Proficiency in English (COPE) with a minimum required score of 6 and at least 3 in the writing portion.

• Program Requirements
  • Minimum requirement is completion of 8.0 FCEs, regardless of pathway or option therein.
  • All students must successfully complete all degree requirements as outlined for either the concentration pathway or for the general program pathway.
  • The Faculty expects students to be competent in their use of information and communication technologies as appropriate to their programs of study.

Concentrations

The Faculty of Information offers seven concentrations leading to the MI degree: Archives and Records Management; Critical Information Studies; Culture and Technology; Information Systems and Design; Knowledge Management and Information Management; Knowledge Media Design; and Library and Information Science.

Each concentration requires a total of 8.0 FCEs including:
- two quarter weight core courses (0.5 FCE total);
- five required half courses (2.5 FCEs total specific to each concentration); plus ten additional elective half courses (5.0 FCEs total).

*The Knowledge Media Design concentration requires three half courses and one full course.

Concentration Archives and Records Management (ARM)
  0.5 core FCE (INF 1005H/1006H)
  2.5 required FCEs (INF1330H, INF1331H, INF2175H, INF2180H, INF2184H)
  5.0 elective FCEs

Concentration Critical Information Studies (CIS)
  0.5 core FCE (INF 1005H/1006H)
  2.5 required FCEs (INF1001H, INF2181H, INF2198H, INF2240H, INF2242H)
  5.0 elective FCEs

Concentration Culture and Technology (C&T)
  0.5 core FCE (INF 1005H/1006H)
  2.5 required FCEs (INF1240H, INF1501H, INF1502H, INF2010H, INF2241H)
  5.0 elective FCEs
Concentration **Information Systems and Design (IS&D)**

- 0.5 core FCE (INF 1005H/1006H)
- 2.5 required FCEs (INF1340H, INF 1341H, INF1342H, INF1343H, INF2177H)
- 5.0 elective FCEs

Concentration **Knowledge Management and Information Management (KMIM)**

- 0.5 core FCE (INF 1005H/1006H)
- 2.5 required FCEs (INF1003H, INF1230H, INF2175H, INF2176H, INF2186H)
- 5.0 elective FCEs

Concentration **Knowledge Media Design (KMD)**

- 0.5 core FCE (INF 1005H/1006H)
- 2.5 required FCEs (KMD1001H, KMD1002H, KMD2001H, INF1601Y)
- 5.0 elective FCEs

Concentration **Library and Information Science (LIS)**

- 0.5 core FCE (INF 1005H/1006H)
- 2.5 required FCEs (INF1230H, INF1240H, INF1300H, INF1310H, INF1320H)
- 5.0 elective FCEs

General program

- Coursework option
  - 2.0 core FCEs (INF1001H, INF1002H, INF1003H, INF1005H/1006H)
  - 6.0 elective FCEs

  Students choosing the coursework option must have their program of study approved by the Graduate Coordinator.

- Thesis option
  - 2.0 core FCEs (INF 1001H, INF1002H, INF1003H, INF1005H/1006H)
  - 0.5 required FCE consisting of one research methods half course appropriate to the student’s program of study with a final grade of at least A-
  - 3.0 thesis FCEs
  - 2.5 elective FCEs (five additional half courses which may include up to four graduate half courses (2.0 FCEs) taken outside the MI Program)

  Faculty approval is required to enter the thesis option.

**Normal Program Length:** 4 sessions (2 years) full-time; 8 sessions part-time

**Time Limit:** 3 years full-time; 6 years part-time