# Minor Modifications to Graduate Curriculum

## Governance Form A: Procedures, Form and Guidelines

2013 - 14 – Version 1

Questions? Contact your Faculty Graduate Dean's Office (FGO).

### Governance Form A: Procedures

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| **Changing Admission Requirements**  
**Changing Program Requirements**  
**Changes to Timing of Existing Program Requirements**  
**Adding or Removing an Option to Existing Program** (e.g. "direct-entry" PhD, flexible-time PhD, part-time, EFT*, coursework-only, thesis, major research paper, internship, practicum, etc.)  
**New Emphasis**  
**Renaming of Emphasis**  
**Renaming of Concentration** | 1. Chair sends proposal to Faculty Graduate Dean’s Office (FGO).  
2. FGO accepts proposal (or refers back) and posts it on Graduate Curriculum Tracker (GCT).  
3. School of Graduate Studies (SGS) reviews proposal. **Proposal goes to Faculty Council (FC) for final approval.**  
5. FGO posts FC approval on GCT. |
| **Renaming of Program**  
**Renaming of Field**  
**Renaming of Degree** | 1. Chair sends proposal to FGO.  
2. FGO accepts proposal (or refers back) and posts it on the Graduate Curriculum Tracker (GCT).  
3. SGS and Provost’s Office (PO) review proposal. **Proposal goes to Faculty Council for final approval.**  
5. FGO posts FC approval on GCT and informs PO of approval.  
6. PO reports approved proposal to Quality Council for information. |
| **Program Changes Affecting MoA with an External Institution**  
**Collaborative Program Changes Affecting MoA** | 1. Chair sends proposal to FGO.  
2. FGO accepts proposal (or refers back) and posts it on GCT.  
3. SGS and PO review proposal. **Proposal goes to FC for final approval.**  
5. FGO posts FC approval on GCT. |
| **Ceasing Admission to Program Temporarily** | Does not require governance. Recommendation of graduate unit chair/director to the faculty Dean for final approval. |

*Requires preliminary consultation with the Office of the Vice Provost, Academic Programs prior to Faculty Council Approval*

A complete list of graduate curriculum proposal types, appropriate forms to use and required approvals is available from the [SGS website](#).

**Administrators:** Please delete the Procedures and Guidelines sections before the Form is posted on the GCT.
Proposal Type:  
[Mark all that apply; see Governance Form A Procedures and Guidelines.]

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Faculty: Information

Name of Graduate Unit: Information

Graduate Programs Involved in Proposal:

Master of Information (MI)

Brief Summary of Proposed Change(s): This proposal removes a requirement to have taken 2.0 FCE in computer science and 1.0 FCE in mathematics at the undergraduate level for those students pursuing the MI with a concentration in information systems. This requirement has become less and less important over time, and admissions committees now tend to place little or no value in the regulation. The Faculty Registrar and faculty members have pointed out that the only outcome resulting from the continuation of this regulation is that students without that background feel barred from pursuing an option they wish. Effectively, the requirement serves no useful purpose and should be removed.

Rationale: [State the reason for each change being proposed and the anticipated effect on the program/s and students]

Does this change have any financial and/or resource implications? [Mark one]

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Effective Session Date: September 2014

CURRENT:  
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. Applicants must also satisfy the Faculty's additional admission

PROPOSED:  
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. Applicants must also satisfy the Faculty's additional admission
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.

**Approvals/Actions prior to Faculty governance approval:** [List graduate unit bodies that have approved the proposal. Include the date of each approval, and summarize substantial questions that have arisen. Explain how consultation with graduate students has occurred.]

- Consultations among staff and faculty
- Programs Committee, September 26, 2013
- Faculty Council, October 18, 2013

**Chair/Director Name(s):** [Name of the Graduate Chair/Director of the unit(s) involved. Also list names and contact information for other individuals who will attend meetings at which the proposal will be discussed.]

- Caidi, Nadia. Graduate Coordinator, Faculty of Information

**Date:** September 26, 2013

**Faculty Council/Delegated Body Meeting Date:**

- Programs Committee, September 26, 2013
- Faculty Council, October 18, 2013

**Please note:** Posting of this form on the GCT indicates that the Faculty Vice-Dean Graduate, or designate, has reviewed the proposal.
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Governance Form A: Guidelines
Effective August 1, 2013

Governance Form A is designed to be used by graduate units when proposing certain types of Minor Modifications to graduate curriculum for approval through university governance. The Minor Modifications for which this form should be used are listed under Governance Form A: Procedures.

Normally, each Governance Form A should address changes to one program or proposal. For example, two separate forms should be used to propose changes to two separate programs (even if located in the same graduate unit), or to propose changes to the same program some of which are to go into effect on one date and the rest on another date. In some cases, proposing changes to different degree levels in one program (e.g. MA and PhD) using separate governance forms may be advantageous.

IMPORTANT: In order to guarantee inclusion in the SGS Calendar for the following academic year, proposals must have final Faculty approval by your Faculty’s calendar deadline.

Substantial Changes: “Requirements that differ substantially from those existing at the time of the previous cyclical program review” (see UTQAP) are considered Major Modifications; for Major Modifications, please contact your FGO.

Revised Calendar Entry: Attach a Calendar entry showing only the changes being considered in the proposal, using the “Track Changes” feature in Word. Clean and current Calendar entry templates are available from the SGS website. Do not accumulate other changes in the Calendar entry that have been proposed/approved earlier in the Calendar production cycle. Instead, use a fresh Calendar entry template. SGS will accumulate all changes made and update the final Calendar entry accordingly. Do not submit revised Calendar entries that require governance approval directly to SGS; your FGO will forward them to SGS by way of the Graduate Curriculum Tracker (GCT).

Effective Session Date: The Faculty Graduate Dean’s Office and SGS reserve the right to alter the effective session date. Proposals are effective no sooner than the beginning of the following session. Most program changes, including name changes, are effective as of September of the following (or later) academic year. Retroactive proposals require SGS approval.

Admissions changes: The effective date for a change to an admission requirement that is approved by the SGS Calendar deadline in one academic year would be September of the next year. Students who are offered admission to a program commencing September the next year would be the first ones affected by the change.

Program changes: Students have the right to follow the program requirements in place at the time of initial registration. The effective date for a program change that is approved by the SGS Calendar deadline in one academic year would be September of the next year, with one exception. If the change eases program requirements, e.g., reduces the number of courses required, then the effective date may be “immediately” and it may be offered as a choice to all students already in the program. If the program change makes the requirements more demanding or merely does not ease then (e.g., if it increases the number of courses required, or changes which courses are required but not their number), then the change would be in effect for the following September and will only be in effect for students newly admitted that September and thereafter.

Requests for retroactive application of a proposed change to earlier cohorts of students will require SGS approval. Please contact: Erin McMahon, SGS, Governance & Policy Officer; 416.978.7709 erin.mcmahon@sgs.utoronto.ca