Minimum Admission Requirements

- SGS general regulations. Application deadlines are available on the Faculty of Information Web site.
- Four-year 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 (FCE) in computer science and 1.0 approved FCE in mathematics. (Removal of the foregoing requirement is pending governance approval.)
- 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 FCE 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.
- Concurrent Registration Option (CRO)
  - Master of Information/Master of Museum Studies degree programs. Applicants interested in completing the Master of Information and the Master of Museum Studies degree programs concurrently must apply to and be accepted into each program separately and receive approval from the graduate coordinator in each program. Applicants should indicate interest in the concurrent registration option at the time of application to the second of the two programs.
Program Requirements

- The Faculty expects students to be competent in their use of information and communication technologies as appropriate to their programs of study.

  - **7.5 full-course equivalents (FCE)** as follows:
    - **Course option**: All students must complete 4 core courses (2.0 FCE) plus 5.5 FCE in electives and have their program of study approved by the Program Director. A number of examples of pre-established programs of study is available to students.
    - **Thesis option**: The thesis option allows students to gain experience in developing and executing a research project from beginning to end. Students gain familiarity with the research process and hone their research skills. Students must complete 7.5 FCE as follows: four core courses (2.0 FCE), a research methods course (0.5 FCE) appropriate to their program of study with a final grade of at least A-, four additional courses (3.0 FCE), and a thesis (3.0 FCE). The four additional courses may include up to four graduate courses (2.0 FCE) taken outside the MI program. Faculty approval is required to enter the thesis option. The thesis option is designed for students who have a clearly defined topic, can find a supervisor, and can meet tight deadlines in order to graduate within the usual time frame envisioned for the degree.

- All requirements must be completed satisfactorily within six years from first enrolment in the program. Total time from original registration, including lapsed time, is counted as the time allowed to complete the degree requirements.

- **Non-Degree Programs (Special Student Status)** Special Student status is normally intended for fully qualified graduates who wish to update their knowledge. Programs for Special Students are administered under the general regulations. Details are available on the Faculty of Information Web site. Courses in the PhD program are not open to Special Students.

- **Diploma Program** The Graduate Diploma of Advanced Study in Information Studies is a post-master’s diploma. Applicants must have a University of Toronto MI, MLS, MIS or MISI degree or equivalent. The Graduate Diploma requires 24 credit hours (i.e., 4.0 FCE). The graduate Diploma program, which may be taken on a full-time or part-time basis, will be tailored to the individual’s needs and interests with courses selected in consultation with their advisor. Complete details are available on the Information Web site at www.ischool.utoronto.ca.

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