**PROGRAMMES BY COURSEWORK**

# MSC IN INFORMATION STUDIES

## 1. ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

**OUR INTERNATIONAL STANDING**
Library & Information Management
**#1 Asia – #7 World**

(QS World University Rankings
By Subject 2024)

The **MSC IN INFORMATION STUDIES (IS)** programme combines theory and practice to address the growing need of organisations for skilled information professionals, equipping students with knowledge and skills across the breadth of the information studies field, including library science and information analytics. Graduates from the programme will have both the leadership skills and analytic capability to contextualise information in different organisational environments so that they can (a) identify and solve organisational information needs and gaps; (b) implement and manage the spectrum of information life cycle activities (including capture, search, organise, classify, analyse, use, and preserve information); and (c) build and manage information organisations.

## 2. WHY IS?

The following highlights the key features of the IS programme:

- The IS programme is the only established library science programme and professional qualification in Singapore for information professionals working in libraries.

- The programme's curriculum provides a comprehensive foundation for information professionals, equipping them with the skills, knowledge, and ethical principles needed to excel in a rapidly changing information landscape.

- The programme's multidisciplinary nature equips individuals with skills applicable in various professional settings and prepares students for diverse careers in the information field.

## 3. ADMISSION CRITERIA

To apply to the IS programme, applicants need to meet these minimum requirements:

- A Bachelor's degree in any discipline
- Good communication skills (written and spoken English)
- Working experience in an information-related field*

- Passion and interest in the information studies field
- Degree classification second class lower/Honours (Merit) and above or equivalent

\* Internships are not counted towards working experience, and it is recommended for applicants to have at least a minimum of one-year of full-time work

For undergraduate degree not awarded by an English-medium University or is awarded by an English-medium University but the language of instruction was not English, you must meet the English Language Proficiency Requirement (ELPR).

**Minimum Score Required**

| Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) iBT | 100 (internet-based) |
|---|---|
| International English Language Testing System (IELTS), Academic | 6.5 (The IELTS sub-scores should not be less than 6.0.) |

**Note**: The validity period for IELTS/TOEFL score is two (2) years at the point of application. Please note that only TOEFL or IELTS test scores will be accepted. Also, we do not require the submission of GRE or GMAT test scores.

## 4. PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The IS programme commences each year in early August and is available in both full-time and part-time modes. Students are required to complete 30 Academic Units (AU) within their candidature period to be awarded the degree.

| Option of Study | Academic Requirement |
|---|---|
| Coursework Only | 9 Elective Courses<br>Critical Inquiry (group project) |
| Coursework and Dissertation* | 8 Elective Courses<br>Dissertation (individual project) |

\* Students must meet the Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) requirement of 4.0 and above to pursue dissertation. Students may also require additional semesters for completion of their dissertation project.

## 5. CAREER PROSPECTS

A majority of the career prospects are related to the information industry. The following roles indicated are not an exhaustive representation of the career prospects available.

| Information Analytics | Information Analysts/Consultants/Managers<br>Data Scientists<br>Records/Database Administrators/Managers<br>Content Developers/Managers/Specialists |
|---|---|
| Library | Librarians<br>Archivists |
| Technology | Data Visualisation Specialists<br>Information Architects/Specialists<br>Metadata Analysts/Coordinators/Specialists<br>Social Media Managers/Strategists |
| Research | Researchers<br>Lecturers/Professors (Academia) |