

MIM Committee

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Committee Report

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Present committee members: Phil Piety (voting), Taverekere Srikantaiah (voting), Kathy Weaver (voting), Jeff Waters (voting), Namrata Walanj (voting), Tetyana Bezbabna (voting), Lindsay Sarin (non-voting)

Absent committee members: Vanessa Frias - Martinez (voting), Adam Kriesberg (voting), Brian Butler (non-voting)

1. Course Proposal for INST 728xxx: Practicum for Designing for Tourist Information Needs
2. Course Change Proposal: Converting INFM 743 to INST 743
3. Admission Criteria Fall 2018
4. Fall 2018 Application for Admission Updates
5. Job Placement Survey Results –Spring 2017

Course Proposals

MIM Committee voted and approved:

1. New course proposal for a special topic *INST 728 xxx: Practicum for Designing for Tourist Information Needs* course
2. Course change proposal, converting *INFM 743 Development of Internet Applications* to *INST765 Programming on the Web*.

Admission Criteria Fall 2018

MIM Committee reviewed MIM admission criteria discussed and agreed on back in March of 2017.

1. New and only MIM admission deadline – January 31, 2018
2. New MIM Targeted Essay Questions:
 - Why are you interested in the MIM degree at the University of Maryland
 - What do you see as the most significant opportunities and challenges in the information management field?
 - How do your interests and goals relate to the opportunities and challenges mentioned in the previous question?
 - What strength, abilities, and experiences will you contribute to the information management profession?

Reviewers look for applicant who:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the information management profession;
 - Demonstrate characteristics of adaptability creativity, and collaboration;
 - Are comfortable with or eager to learn new technologies;
 - Have clearly communicated career goals and interests.
3. TOEFL required of at least 100
GRE/GMAT Requirement (if not waived) at least 40 percentile Verbal and 60 percentile Quantitative

Fall 2018 Application for Admission Update

An additional section was added to the application for admission, allowing application reviewers to read about applicants' strengths and achievements not only inside but also outside of the classroom. This will let application reviewers to better understand applicants' unique experiences, potential for success in the program, and prospective contributions to the graduate educational environment.

Additional Application Section:

Which of the following have you had experiences in? (select all that apply/checkboxes):

Community involvement and/or service Explain: (150 words)

Leadership Explain: (150 words)

Overcoming social, economic, or physical barriers Explain: (150 words)

A new diversity statement has been added to program's admission requirements:

College of Information Studies is committed to supporting students and ensuring a fear - free, inclusive space where all students can thrive. The department recognizes non - binary gender identifications, as well as the difference between assigned biological sex and gender expression. It encourages students, faculty, and staff to share and honor preferred pronouns and names.

Job Placement Survey Results

Last Spring of 2017, the MIM Program ran job placement survey, which was available to students who graduated in Fall 2015, Spring 2016, and Summer 2016. Survey results summary can be viewed here <https://magic.piktochart.com/output/23687086-mim-job-placement-2016>