Information studies, which transcend industries and sectors, play a highly significant role in today’s connected world, as the science of applying and using information and knowledge, through technology and/or other means, becomes increasingly linked to the progress and growth of organisations, economics, and societies.

The MSc in Information Studies programme thus, is designed to educate and transform graduates from various backgrounds into a new generation of information professionals. The programme is continually revised to keep pace with emerging trends and latest industry developments.

Upon completion, students will be armed with a professional qualification that is recognised in a wide range of information-intensive environments across different sectors, such as education, finance, information technology, defence, construction, consulting, manufacturing, and government ministries, and statutory boards.

About the School

Located in Singapore, at the Nanyang Technological University, the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information (WKWSCI) hosts the most comprehensive curriculum in Communication and Information Studies in Asia. The only full-fledged communication school in Singapore, WKWSCI is a world-renowned centre of excellence with an international faculty, state-of-the-art communication laboratories, and global institutional affiliations.

WKWSCI stewards an in-depth focus in research, generating empirical and humanistic analyses of communication topics and policy issues important not just to Singapore, but to the region and the world. With a talented team of faculty and research staff, the School undertakes a broad range of interdisciplinary research that spans across the diverse fields of communication and information.

WKWSCI establishes and maintains an international network of educators, researchers, and info-comm professionals through collaborative projects, conferences and other exchanges. This includes attracting some of the very best minds in communication studies to the School.
Programme Structure

The MSc in Information Studies is a multidisciplinary programme combining theory and practice to address the growing need of organisations for skilled information professionals. The programme provides opportunities for students to:

- capture, search, organise, classify, analyse, and use information, and ultimately identify organisational information needs and gaps,
- focus on using methods, tools and framework to manage, analyse and derive insight in an era of social, mobile, cloud and big data.

The programme builds foundational skills across the breadth of the information studies field and provides opportunities for students to tailor their specialisations through the following two tracks:

- **Library Science track** focuses on providing essential knowledge applicable in any type of library or information management job.
- **Information Analytics track** focuses on using methods, tools and frameworks to manage, analyse and derive insight in an era of social, mobile, cloud and big data.

The programme is seen as a professional qualification for information professionals working in libraries and information centres. Graduates from the programme will have both the leadership skills and analytic capabilities to contextualise information in different organisational environments so that they can:

- identify organisational information needs and gaps,
- analyse, search, organise, classify, analyse, and derive insight from traditional as well as digital information assets in an era of social, mobile, cloud and big data.

Eligibility

The minimum requirement for admission is a good Bachelor’s degree in any discipline. Preference however is given to those with:

- good undergraduate academic performance at a reputable university,
- good written and spoken communication skills,
- working experience in an information-related field,
- interest and aptitude in the field of information studies,
- and passion and interest in the information studies field.

Admission to the programme is on a competitive basis.

Application

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