



**School of Information  
Cognate Requirement  
Tailored MSI**

Requirements for cognate courses:

1. All students must satisfactorily complete one graduate-level course (minimum of 3 credits) outside SI; the course must be approved by the student's advisor.

Any student may meet this requirement by taking a graduate-level course in a UM School or Department other than SI.

Students who enter SI with an advanced degree or who were enrolled previously in a graduate degree program may meet this requirement with graduate-level courses taken at another university or in another School or Department at U of M. To be eligible, this course must not have been previously counted towards a degree.

**And**

2. Students in the tailored MSI must take either:
  - a. Two graduate-level courses in SI that count toward the requirements for two different specializations; or
  - b. one additional graduate-level cognate course in a School or Department other than SI. To be eligible, this course must not have been previously counted towards a degree.
3. All cognate courses must be approved by the student's advisor.

Students may take up to two graduate-level courses (6 credits) in a School or Department other than SI. One additional course (for a total maximum of three courses) outside SI is possible with approval by the advisor and the Associate Dean for Professional Programs.

**Cognate Requirement**  
**(All MSI students must complete Part A and an option from Part B)**

	<b>Part A</b>	<b>Part B Options</b>
Students specializing in ARM, HCI, IEMP or LIS (including School Library Media without teaching certification)	One graduate-level cognate course (minimum of 3 credits) in a School or Department other than SI	a) One 1 graduate-level course in a School or Department other than SI. <p style="text-align: center;"><b>or</b></p> b) One cognate course in SI that counts towards the requirements for a specialization other than the student's area of study
Students in the tailored MSI degree	One graduate-level cognate course (minimum of 3 credits) in a School or Department other than SI	a) One graduate-level course in a School or Department other than SI. <p style="text-align: center;"><b>or</b></p> b) Two cognate courses in SI that count towards the requirements for two different specializations.

NB: Students previously enrolled in graduate programs or with advanced degrees may count prior graduate-level course work at another university or in UM departments and schools other than SI.

All Cognate courses must be approved by the student's advisor