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6 Questions About the MSI

1. **What is the MSI program?**
The Master of Science in Information program develops leaders and agents of change who maximize what people can do through information and technology. The two-year program is flexible enough to meet your unique interests while providing a solid foundation in the essentials for today’s high-demand information and tech careers. Our courses focus on planning, leading, organizing and decision making and teach how to produce or validate information through fieldwork, program evaluation or computer simulation.

2. **What will I learn in this program?**
MSI students learn to create, store, retrieve, interpret, visualize, share and apply information to build a better world. You will prepare to address the individual, cultural and organizational challenges and opportunities of our information-driven society. With an MSI degree, you may be developing software applications to encourage healthy lifestyles, preserving our nation’s history in digital archives at the Smithsonian or joining the ground floor of an entrepreneurial startup.

3. **How will I learn it?**
At UMSI, you will learn it the same way that you will practice it as a professional. Many classes feature practical components, helping local clients solve real-world information problems. You will also have global opportunities to work with businesses and non-profit organizations through classes and internships.

4. **Can I focus on developing a specific area of expertise?**
Yes, and you will still have the benefit of being exposed to people who have interests and experiences that are very different from yours. Primary areas of interest for MSI students:
- Data Science / Data Analytics / Computational Social Science
- Digital Archives and Preservation / Library Science
- User Experience (UX) Research and Design / Human Computer Interaction (HCI) / Social Computing

5. **Do I need a technology or data background?**
No. We will teach you everything you need to succeed. The MSI program attracts students from over 100 different undergraduate majors -- from computer science and engineering to psychology, history, and communications.

6. **What do I need to apply for admission?**
You need a Bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution. A grade point average (GPA) of at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is preferred; our average entering student has a GPA of 3.5. International students should have a TOEFL score of at least 102, earned within the past two years.

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**JESSAMINE BARTLEY-MATTHEWS,**
MSI 2017
Content Strategist, Facebook

“UMSI has given me so many skills. This school is not about competition, it’s about learning together, collaborating. There are so many opportunities because the School of Information works with every department on campus.”

**ADAEZE AJOKU,**
MSI 2018
Data Scientist, Centene Corporation

“I think what’s great about Michigan is that it attracts people who are very passionate, so you see people extending themselves to all these areas that they’re passionate about. It’s a great way to practice what you want to do.”

**BRANDON PATTERSON,**
MSI 2017
Technology Engagement Librarian, University of Utah

“I liked the community space here, I liked hanging out with other SI students, and there was always something going on. There’s always a conference, a guest lecture, or a CEO visiting -- there’s so much to do here, there’s not a single day I wanted to waste.”

**AYSHWARYA BALASUBRAMANIAN,**
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