The public sector generates, and is the custodian of, a tremendous and increasing amount of information that needs to be managed and protected by professionals. Programs like the Bachelor of Information, which support an interdisciplinary approach where both technical and sociocultural factors shape the judgement of new practitioners, are promising and can deliver skilled information workers capable of handling a broader spectrum of challenges.

Tim Dafoe, Sr. Security Policy Advisor, Treasury Board Secretariat
The BI is a second-entry professional undergraduate program. It considers the interactions between information technologies and social worlds, providing you with the conceptual tools and practical techniques necessary to understand and effect change in a data-intensive society.

**WHAT IS A SECOND-ENTRY PROGRAM?**

The BI requires at least two years of university study prior to entry. Once admitted, the length of study is two years.

**WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?**

Information is everywhere, experts are few. Our interconnected, information-based society requires innovative and knowledgeable information professionals in a wide variety of roles. The BI integrates design thinking, critical scholarship and experiential learning.
Too often technology solutions are developed without a full understanding of the information that users want and need and how it will be used. At the Legislative Assembly of Ontario we seek employees who can integrate content and data with the right technology, who understand and can manage the information life cycle, and who are subject experts and researchers. The new Bachelor of Information program will develop the people we need now and in the future.

Vicki Whitmell, Executive Director, Information and Technology Services Division Legislative Assembly of Ontario

Bachelor of Information (BI)

THE BI PROGRAM CONSISTS OF:

- 10 half lecture-based courses
- 6 half studio-based courses
- 4 half lecture-based electives
- 1 Practicum

### Sample Elective Courses:

- Critical Histories of Information Technologies
- Information and Political Activists
- Artificial Intelligence
- Digital Material Culture
- User Interface Design
- Information Systems Design
- Surveillance

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The BI Advantage

- Small class sizes
- Practicum placement provided
- Courses led by leading scholars & industry experts
- Interdisciplinary curriculum
- Dedicated Careers Office
- Faculty of Information alumni network of 7,000 grads
- The Inforum, dedicated library and learning commons
- Fastest growing Faculty at the number one university in Canada
- State of the art facilities such as Semaphore Makerspace Lab, Critical Making Laboratory, Interactive Systems Design Studio, Usability Lab

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED?
- How a database works?
- How Google ads seem to reflect what you have been thinking and talking about?
- How we will manage the growing pile of data, pictures, and records we are creating every day?
- How organizations are able to manage what they know?
- Why some companies have a hard time getting people to share information effectively?
- Whether AI will turn out to be dangerous?
- Why it’s sometimes really hard to find what you’re looking for on a website?
- Who owns your data on social media sites like Facebook & Instagram?
- What is “big data” and why is it so hot right now?
- What the impact of information technologies is on the environment?
- How your individual characteristics impact your perspectives on privacy?
A Bachelor of Information will equip students, at a very early stage in their careers to walk into environments with outmoded systems of information gathering, retrieval and use, and have an immediate impact. It’s the continued evolution in an increasing changing information paradigm.
Zena Applebaum, Director, Professional Firm Customer Segments, Thomson Reuters

The Career Advantage

Our dedicated Career Services team will help you identify your strengths, determine career objectives, and develop a plan that will take you where you want to go.

You will benefit from group and one-on-one advising, skills workshops, and training sessions, as well as résumé and cover letter support, alumni job shadowing, and access to an industry-specific job bank.

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE
- Practicum
- Capstone Project
- Studio-based courses

MAKING CONNECTIONS
- Work study
- Job Shadowing
- Networking
- Ask an Alum

SAMPLE CAREERS:
- Business Analyst
- Data Scientist
- Design Researcher
- Digital Archives Assistant
- Information Specialist
- Interactive Media Designer
- Knowledge Management Specialist
- Privacy Analyst
- Policy Analyst
- Social Media Strategist
- User Experience Designer
- Archives Assistant
- Information Management Coordinator
- Web Publisher
- Research Analyst
- Records & Systems Manager

The BI’s integrative, critical, humanities, and social science based approach to information technologies and practices will prepare you for vital and enriching careers in three areas: Products & Systems, Policy & Research, Information Management & Cultural Stewardship.
Apply to the Faculty of Information

LIMITED ENROLMENT – APPLY EARLY!
The BI is a second-entry undergraduate program. Students must have completed at least 20 half university level courses.

Visit our website for the complete admission requirements and procedures: ischool.utoronto.ca

APPLICATION DEADLINES
Online Application: April 30, 2020
*Supplementary Application: May 15, 2020

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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FCE = Full Course Equivalent

*SUPPLEMENTARY APPLICATION DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:
- Personal statement
- Language proficiency requirements (if applicable)

Selection is based on the entire applicant profile gathered from academic and non-academic information. Possession of the minimum requirements for eligibility does not guarantee admission.

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What’s Next?

INFORMATION DAYS
November 23, 2019
January 11, 2020

Check out upcoming information sessions, tours and other events on our online event calendar at ischool.utoronto.ca/admissions-events