LIBRARY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

School of Business

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Since the Library and Information Technology program started more than 40 years ago, the proliferation of information has led to a dramatic increase in the use of technology to organize, control and provide access to information resources.

Information personnel require excellent interpersonal and communication skills coupled with the ability to deal accurately with detail. They are versatile and can quickly adapt to a rapidly changing work environment.

Students in the Library and Information Technology program develop the expertise needed to organize, retrieve and manage information. Graduates are equipped with the skills necessary to work in any setting that handles information management, not just traditional libraries.

This program exposes students to practical aspects of the profession, including cataloguing, reference, circulation, research techniques, information systems design, records management, and services to various types of library patrons. Using a wide array of electronic and print resources, students become familiar with the broad scope of information organization and retrieval. Students will also develop strong professional skills and competencies to work effectively within an organizational structure and in a customer service role. They will examine the central purpose of libraries in society, and consider ways that social responsibility, ethical behaviour, and social justice are important philosophical foundations for the library profession.

Career Potential

The demand for qualified information specialists is growing. Graduates of this program find employment in libraries, large corporations, schools, government departments, universities, publishing houses, research organizations, consulting companies and software producers. They work as library technicians, research or library assistants for corporations, records management technicians and library software specialists, to name just a few jobs.

Transferability

Internal Opportunities

MacEwan University is committed to providing bridging and laddering opportunities to its certificate and diploma graduates. Graduates of this program are eligible to transfer up to 51 credits to MacEwan University's Bachelor of Arts degree.

External Opportunities

All courses completed for the Library and Information Technology diploma are credit courses and may be transferable individually toward further study at other Alberta institutions. Students presenting a completed diploma in this program may be eligible for a block transfer to other Alberta institutions. For current, detailed information on the individual course and diploma transferability, refer to the Learner Pathways System at www.transferalberta.ca (http://www.transferalberta.ca) or contact the receiving institution directly.

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Categories of Admission

Applicants may be admitted to one of the following:

Regular Admission

To be evaluated through the office of the University Registrar

Applicants must have a minimum overall average of 65 percent, with no course grade lower than 50 percent, in the following high school courses:

1. ELA 30-1
2. Four subjects from Group A, B, C, or D

Notes:

- Applicants are strongly encouraged to present a broad range of subjects in order to benefit from the breadth of learning and to increase flexibility of future program and course choices.
- A maximum of two Group B subjects may be presented; they must be from different disciplines.
- A maximum of one Group D subject may be presented. Group D subjects used for admission must be 5-credit or any credit combination of at least 5 credits (e.g., two 3-credit subjects).

Applicants with nine or more post-secondary credits must also present a minimum Admission Grade Point Average (AGPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Mature Admission

To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar

Applicants must be 20 years of age or older and have been out of full-time high school at least one year by the beginning of the intake term. Applicants must have the following:

- ELA 30-1 with a minimum grade of 65 percent (or equivalent) OR
- Six credits of university-level English with no grade less than C-

Applicants with nine or more post-secondary credits must also present a minimum Admission Grade Point Average (AGPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Previous Post-Secondary Admission

To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar

Admission in this category does not imply or guarantee the transfer of any coursework and/or credential unless a block transfer agreement (internal or external) is in effect and published in the Calendar by the Office of the University Registrar. In addition, transfer of coursework does not imply or guarantee that an applicant will be admitted.

Applicants must present a minimum of 24 post-secondary credits with a minimum Admission Grade Point Average (AGPA) of 2.0 on the 4.0 scale and must have completed the required core courses listed under the Regular or Mature Category.

Additional Admission Criteria

All applicants must meet the following:

1. English Language Proficiency

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Applicable to All Admission Categories

All applicants must meet an acceptable level of English language proficiency. We will require official documents such as high school or post-secondary transcripts or proof of successful completion of standardized language evaluation. Full details are available in MacEwan University's academic calendar or online at MacEwan.ca/ELP.

Program of Study

Course	Title	Credits
Year I		
Term I		
CMPT 104	Fluency with Information Technology	3
ENGL 102	Analysis and Argument	3
INFM 101	Libraries in the Information Age	3
INFM 104	Acquisition and Management of Collections	3
SOCI 100	Introductory Sociology	3
	Credits	15
Term II		
ENGL 103	Introduction to Literature	3
INFM 210	Information and Society	3
INFM 152	Information Services I	3
INFM 155	Organization of Information I	3
Open Elective		3
	Credits	15
Year II		
Term III		
ENGL	English Elective	3
INFM 202	Information Services II	3
INFM 209	Records, Information, and Privacy Management	3
PSYC 105	Introductory Psychology II	3
Select one of the following:		3
INFM 205	Organization of Information II	
SOCI	200-level or higher Sociology course	
	Credits	15
Term IV		
INFM 208	Library Services for Children and Young Adults	3
INFM 258	Information Systems Design	3
INFM 259	Information Services Management	3
INFM 260	Field Placement	3
Select one of the following:		3
INFM 219	Archives and Electronic Records Management	
Open Elective		
	Credits	15
	Total Credits	60

The minimum passing grade for a course at MacEwan is a D unless otherwise noted next to the appropriate course in the program of study.