

Information Studies (PhD)

Information systems and technologies are fundamentally shaping the behaviors of individuals, organizations, and society. To understand the dynamics of our world, and to help shape a future that reflects social values, [research in information](#) crosses disciplinary divides, bridges the arts and the sciences, and applies human insights to technological advances.

The program curriculum and immersive mentorship prepare students to become high-quality, high-impact researchers, scholars, and teachers. Throughout the doctoral program, students will learn to reason and evaluate ideas and data across disciplines, see beyond current approaches to problems, and cross disciplinary boundaries in search of answers to the grand challenges facing today's modern information society.

Graduate Handbook

Graduate handbook information is updated and maintained by each program. Graduate handbooks are available within each program's office and [online](#). Please contact the program with concerns or questions.

Admission

The objective of the doctoral program is to prepare graduates to contribute to the discipline through research and creative leadership. Emphasizing research, the program allows students to pursue advanced studies in the information discipline and in related subject areas, to study appropriate method and theory, and to learn to engage in advanced research by carrying out a guided and supervised dissertation project. The program is interdisciplinary; students must take courses from other University offerings to supplement those in information.

Detailed information is available on the [website](#).

All applicants must complete the general application procedures for the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. For full details, refer to the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies [Admissions](#) page. Please allow plenty of time to process your application. Find more information on admissions procedures here: <https://ischool.utexas.edu/programs/admissions>.

Total Hours Required: 39

Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Program curriculum		9
Method curriculum		9
Hours chosen from: Electives in the major area and/or outside of information		15
Hours chosen from: Dissertation		6
INF 399W	Dissertation	
INF 699W	Dissertation	
INF 999W	Dissertation	
All students in this program must also follow these requirements and policies:		
Graduate Natural Sciences Requirements		
Graduate University Requirements		
Total Hours		39

Additional Requirements

Students must also pass a qualifying examination before being admitted to candidacy. Finally, students must complete and defend a dissertation representing an original contribution to knowledge in the discipline.

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