

MLIS Curriculum Committee
Report to SIM School Council, SIM Planning Committee
Submitted by Paulette Skerrett, Chair
June 2020 - April 2021

The MLIS Curriculum Committee met six times. Membership of the Committee consisted of Courtney Bayne (IM community rep/MIM alumna), Sara-Jane Dooley (alumna), P. Mongeon (faculty), R. Moylan (student), L. Mullens (student), Lynn Somers, Nick Manuel (alumnus/IM community rep), P. Skerrett (faculty/chair), S. Toze (ex-officio Sept-Dec 2020), V. Howard (ex-officio Jan-Dec 2021), M. Smit (ADA), and J. Music (Secretary).

Highlights

- All courses were moved to online learning (synchronous and asynchronous).
- INFO6610 and INFO5590 were reviewed in May 2020 with recommended minor changes.
- All other course reviews for 2020/2021 academic year were put on hold.
- Information was brought forward about ideas for updating the combined MI/MPA degree, a new Masters Degree for Professional Librarians, a new course in Bibliometrics. No formal material was distributed or discussed.
- Students can drop with a W until the end of the semester and the Pall/III still stands for all students.
- Students would like to see an option for learning online in the Fall
- Approved changes to thesis option – External evaluators are now optional
- Approved changes to the Practicum deliverables for the 2021 year ONLY. Students are permitted to submit an oral report or a written report.
- Course options added to Certificates:
 - o Librarianship Certificate
 - INFO 6320 Legal Literature and Librarianship and INFO 6750 Health Sciences Literature and Information Sources
 - o Librarianship-Youth and Children’s Services Certificate
 - INFO 6500 Community-Led Services