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Highlights

Student feedback/Course offerings/MI competencies

During Fall 2021, student feedback pointed to two main issues with the MI program:

1. Large amount of negative feedback regarding MWB. Concerns focused on the workload, the content of the course, and the unpaid nature of the work.
2. Many comments about the fact that the program at too many core courses.

Steps taken to address this were:

1. An update of the MI competencies, which was completed.
2. A decision to make MWB an elective starting in Fall 2022 and to revisit in 2 years, which was then changed to the removal of MWB from the course offering, due to the MWB team decision to not allow the course to be taken as an elective option.
3. A working session to take a deep holistic dive into the course courses was planned but ended being postponed to a future date TBD.

The decision to remove MWB from the course offering will likely solve to a large extent the student concerns about the number of core courses and about MWB itself.

Course Evaluations

Completed evaluations from last Fall 2022:

- INFO5500 – Information in Society
- INFO5530 – Organization of Information

Ongoing evaluations from Winter 2022:

- INFO 5570 - Organizational Management and Strategy
- INFO 6540 – Data Management
- INFO 6682 - Human Information Interaction
- INFO6850 - Antiracism & Diversity in Information Professions.

SIM navigator

A few students were hired to develop a relational database to capture data on SIM course offerings along with an interface to visualize and explore the courses of the program, and a Zotero library containing all the readings. The design of the database and data entry was completed in Summer 2021, completion of the project is planned for Summer 2022. See https://pmongeon.github.io/sim-navigator/ for more details about the project.

Other

The curriculum committee carried a motion to recognize as optional the use of an external reader for Master's theses.