Postgraduate study.
Information is everywhere. Our mission is to empower people, organisations and society to use information to shape and influence an increasingly dynamic and complex world.
The Information School at The University of Sheffield is the leading school of its kind in the UK. We have been at the forefront of developments in the information field for more than fifty years.

Information science is a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary subject. Our staff members’ backgrounds and research reflect influences from computing, health, chemistry and different arts and humanities and social sciences disciplines, as well as experience from professional practice in information roles.

We are proud of our international reputation for the high quality of our teaching and research, as well as the outstanding achievements of our graduates across many fields.

“I would say my degree is crucial in the job that I am doing and is why I was able to make an entry into this field quite late in my career – even though I had no experience, companies took me on because of knowledge I had developed from my degree.”

Bhavin Malkan, Information Management MSc

Second in the World and First in Europe for Library and Information Management (QS World University Rankings By Subject 2019)

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About the School.

The Information School at The University of Sheffield is a thriving community of students, educators and researchers dedicated to the study and advancement of the information field and its professions. The School is ranked Second in the World and First in Europe for Library and Information Management in the QS World Rankings by Subject 2019. We are recognised as the leading school of our kind in the UK, with an international reputation for the quality of our teaching and research, and for the achievements of our graduates. Our research is world-leading and we achieved top-ranking positions for research environment and research impact in the Research Excellence Framework 2014 and were ranked top in all previous national Research Assessment Exercises.

Our field is characterised by its distinctive, interdisciplinary focus on the interactions between people, information and digital technologies. It has the ultimate goal of enhancing information access, and the management, sharing and use of information, to benefit society. Good information empowers people and enriches their lives. Expertise to use, design and manage information products, services and systems effectively has never been more important than today, in our increasingly fast-moving and complex world.

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We are proud too of the achievements of our graduates, whose knowledge, professional values and skills are highly prized by employers across all sectors in the global employment market.

PREPARING YOU FOR YOUR FUTURE CAREER

Fast-paced technological change and globalisation mean that all organisations are placing more and more emphasis on the value of information. This means that there is a growing need for information professionals and data scientists.

Our students develop the skills and knowledge that today’s workplace needs. We encourage our students to undertake dissertation projects with external organisations and they often deal directly with contemporary issues of practice in industry. Our courses have been developed in close liaison with the relevant professional bodies and most are fully accredited by the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP).

For individuals who are already in employment, we offer a range of exciting professional enhancement programmes that relate closely to professional practice. Some of our courses can also be taken as Postgraduate Certificates or Postgraduate Diplomas and on a full- or part-time basis.

Students from different backgrounds study at the Information School. I consider this a key factor in enriching students with different ways of seeing the world.

Pavel Gomez Goytia, Information Systems MSc
Our range of exciting postgraduate courses are based on research-led teaching and prepare you for a variety of careers. Most of our courses are fully accredited by the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professional, with a range of full and part-time options available. A number of courses are also available as Postgraduate Certificates, Postgraduate Diplomas, or can be taken as Professional Enhancement programmes to support your work experience.

POSTGRADUATE COURSES

- Data Science MSc
- Information Management MSc, Postgraduate Diploma, Postgraduate Certificate
- Information Systems MSc, Postgraduate Diploma, Postgraduate Certificate
- Information Systems Management MSc
- Librarianship MA, Postgraduate Diploma, Postgraduate Certificate
- Library and Information Services Management MA, Postgraduate Diploma, Postgraduate Certificate (Distance Learning)

Starting with applications for the 2020-2021 academic year, applications for Data Science MSc, Information Systems MSc and Information Management MSc will be assessed using the University’s staged admissions process. This involves a series of application and decision deadlines throughout the year.
The course introduces students to a range of issues concerning the data science market, focusing on ‘here-and-now’ rather than keeping the classes purely theoretical.

Alexandrea Boutopoulou, Data Science MSc graduate and PhD student
also available as postgraduate diploma or certificate

I am a software developer on a project to build a web-based application to deliver courses online. The dissertation project I undertook in my MSc was directly relevant to my work.

Rob Graveley, Software Developer, Fretwell Downing Data Systems
The Information Systems MSc is aimed at graduates from any discipline who wish to develop and enhance their knowledge and technical skills in information systems and their effective use. You will learn how to design and implement information systems and effective project management techniques alongside practical computing skills including computer programming.

The effective implementation and use of information systems is core to the success of today’s organisations. This course is aimed at graduates who wish to develop their knowledge and technical skills in designing and implementing information systems, alongside project management and practical computing skills. The Information Systems MSc has been developed to address organisational needs for information professionals. It will equip you with skills to enter the IT profession and combines information systems development with computer programming and technical skills.
Information Systems Management MSc.

Information Systems Management combines the cutting-edge theory of information systems with key management principles to expand your knowledge and help organisations compete in the business environment. This course is ideal if you want to develop your managerial understanding and skills both generally and from an information perspective.

This course emphasises the technical issues behind information systems together with management principles. Information Systems Management is ideal for you if you have an information systems background or a management background, and are interested in gaining practical and theoretical knowledge in both areas.

If you are more interested in a broad foundation in information management, the Information Management MSc may be more appropriate for you.

Bhavin K. Malkan, Graduate Business Consultant, Columbus, Nottingham

THE COURSE
The course is run jointly with the triple crown accredited Management School. You will develop core skills in management, strategy, human resources, operations and supply chain management. Optional modules will allow you to study e-business and e-commerce, business intelligence and international business strategy.

WHAT CAN I DO NEXT?
This course will prepare you for a management career while also developing your skills in information systems and increasing your awareness of the important role that systems play in organisational infrastructures.

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS DO I NEED?
You will have a 2:1 undergraduate honours degree, or an approved professional qualification. If your first language is not English you need to provide documentary evidence of English language competence.

IS THERE A GOOD DEMAND OF GRADUATES FROM THIS COURSE IN THE JOB MARKET BOTH IN THE UK AND INTERNATIONALLY?
Information systems are now integrated parts of most modern organisations with any sizes and in any sectors. The management of such systems however is fraught with challenges and difficulties. As such, the demands for graduates of this course are high in the industry in both the UK and overseas countries like China and India.

CAREER PATHS
- Management Consultant
- Functional Business Consultant
- Organisational Development Consultant
- Change Management Consultant
- Business Analyst
- Information Systems Analyst
- Information Systems Project Manager

EMPLOYERS
- ASDA
- Sainsburys
- Boots
- PepsiCo
- Adidas
- Samba Financial Group
- University of Sheffield
- ABB Contracting
- BT

APPLICATIONS FOR THIS PROGRAMME SHOULD BE MADE TO THE MANAGEMENT SCHOOL

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THE COURSE
The course provides key skills such as management of library and information services, information literacy support, and effective information governance. The course allows you to specialise in areas of interest, and offers modules exploring the management of digital as well as traditional libraries. It gives you an understanding of the latest thinking and good practice. It enables you to pursue specialist interests such as academic libraries, archives, public libraries and library services for young people.

WHAT CAN I DO NEXT?
The course will equip you to work in a wide range of information-related roles. A postgraduate qualification in librarianship is essential for many roles in the library and information profession, and this course will equip you with the practical and management skills that you need to progress in your career. With an increase in the volume of digital information which is now available, and the continued importance of physical resources, you will be able to study modules that will help develop the skills to effectively manage contemporary library and information services.

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS DO I NEED?
You would normally be expected to have at least a second-class honours degree or its equivalent in any subject, and have some library or other information-related work experience. Your experience can be full or part time, paid or voluntary, based in a library or another organisation carrying out an information role. You experience should be substantial enough to allow you to bring it to bear on the course. Please contact us if you have any queries. If your first language is not English you will need to provide documentary evidence of English language competence. If you have two or more years of relevant work experience in the library and information profession and wish to further your career, you may prefer to apply for our MA in Librarianship (Professional Enhancement).

CAREER PATHS
- Librarian
- Subject Support Librarian
- Learning Resources Centre Manager
- Knowledge Manager

EMPLOYERS
- King’s College London
- Oxford University
- Stanford University
- Sydney Technical College
- BBC
- Public libraries
- Inland Revenue
- GCHQ
- Eversheds (Solicitors)
- British Red Cross
- Stroke Association

ALSO AVAILABLE AS POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA OR CERTIFICATE

...the course has opened my eyes to the possibilities of libraries and helped me see beyond what my library already does.
Amelia Luzzi, Assistant Librarian, Joseph Chamberlain Sixth Form College, Birmingham
Today’s library and information professionals need to understand how to manage physical and digital information resources, and how these shape the provision of customer-focused information services. They must understand the exciting changes that are taking place in the fast-developing information world. With change happening rapidly, professional reflection and performance evaluation are also important skills for today’s leaders.

This distance learning course focuses on the creation, management and use of information, and the role that libraries and information services play in society. This course is aimed at individuals with the ambition to work in a variety of professional roles. Our course is also suitable for people who are currently working in the profession and want to progress. We encourage students to reflect on their work experience and to apply what they learn in their working life, and because it’s taught by distance learning, you can join our online learning community and study from anywhere in the world and at times that suit you.

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS DO I NEED?
Entry requirements are flexible, recognising applicants’ wide variety of skills and experiences. We consider two particular areas: academic qualifications, and experience. You are normally expected to have at least a good second-class honours degree, or its equivalent, in any subject discipline. We also consider those without a degree, but with substantial relevant work experience: in this case you may be admitted initially into the Postgraduate Certificate or Postgraduate Diploma. Additionally, you are normally expected to have information-related practical work experience, substantial enough to allow you to bring it to bear in the course. Your experience of carrying out an information role can be full or part time, paid or voluntary.

COURSE OPTIONS
The MA can be taken over 2 or 3 years. The Postgraduate Certificate is normally taken over one year, and the Postgraduate Diploma over 2. With the Certificate and Diploma options, there is the possibility of upgrading to the next qualification (Diploma or MA), subject to making satisfactory progress. All courses are part-time and distance-learning.

WHAT CAN I DO NEXT?
A postgraduate qualification is essential for many roles in the library and information profession. Modern library and information services require professionals who can manage large volumes of information in both digital and traditional forms. Graduates from the Library and Information Services Management programmes will be equipped with skills that are needed for the developing role of the library and information professional today.

THE COURSE
Core topics include: libraries in today’s society (issues such as ethics, collection development, copyright); information management; leadership; information literacy; organisation of information (including taxonomy and metadata); professional development. Options include database design; library specialisms; information governance.

CAREER PATHS
- Librarian
- Business Intelligence Consultant
- Knowledge Management Officer
- Learning Resources Centre Manager
- Information Officer

EMPLOYERS
- Cambridge University
- Buckinghamshire Library Service
- BBC
- Environment Agency
- Accenture

Library and Information Services Management MA.
(Distance Learning)

2/3 YEARS
PART-TIME
CILIP ACCREDITED

ALSO AVAILABLE
AS POSTGRADUATE
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Josephine Bailey,
Library and Information Services Management MA student
10 reasons to study at the Information School.

1. The Information School is ranked Number One in Europe and Second in the World for Library and Information Management (2019 QS World Rankings).

2. Sheffield is a top 100 university (2019 QS World Rankings) and a member of the Russell Group of leading UK research universities.

3. The Information School at Sheffield has been at the forefront of developments in the information field for more than fifty years.

4. The Information School was the UK’s first iSchool.

5. The Information School is home to cutting-edge technologies to enhance your studies including our state-of-the-art iLab.

6. No 1 Students’ Union in the UK (Whatuni student choice award 2019)

7. The University of Sheffield has produced six Nobel Prize winners.

8. Second in the Russell Group for student satisfaction (National Student Survey (NSS) 2019)

9. The UK peace index is a study that used data provided by the Home Office. It measured levels of peacefulness in cities of the UK between 2003 and 2012. The study found that Sheffield was the UK’s safest major city! Perfect for student life.

10. Sheffield is in the top 10 most affordable UK university cities (Student Living Index by Natwest 2018)
Join the world class.

**Education is for everyone, for life**
Wherever you are in your career and your life, if you’re ready for a world-class masters we’d love to hear from you.

**Our greatest strength is each other**
Sheffield is an inclusive, supportive community where people of all ages, backgrounds and nationalities study together. You can’t have a world-class university without this kind of openness and diversity.

**You have to think global**
We use our knowledge to help the whole planet, so there’s a global dimension to everything we do. This clarity of purpose is why a degree from Sheffield is so highly respected.

**We believe in you**
You’re part of the next generation of professionals who will change society for the better. Our job is to prepare you for that. We’ll push you to amaze yourself and we’ll support you every step of the way.
THE SHEFFIELD EXPERIENCE

There aren’t many cities in the UK that can surprise you like Sheffield. For a big city to have such a strong sense of community is unusual. Then there’s the fact that a third of the city is inside the Peak District National Park, an area of outstanding natural beauty.

Most of our student accommodation is in one of Sheffield’s nicest residential areas, a short walk from campus. For an urban university, this is pretty special. As well as en suite apartments, we also have houses – near good schools – for students with families.

At the heart of everything is our students’ union, ranked No1 in the UK for ten years running*. All your support services are based here. There are over 400 student societies to try out or join, hundreds of sports teams and one of the UK’s biggest student volunteering programmes.

With a little guidance from us and lots of freedom to explore, you’ll find this all adds up to a unique experience, one that sees you form strong relationships with your fellow students, deepen your ties to the community and discover what it means to be part of something.

*Careers Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2009–2018

The content of our courses is reviewed annually to make sure it’s current and relevant. Individual modules may be updated or withdrawn in response to discoveries made through our world-leading research, funding changes, professional accreditation requirements, student or employer feedback, curriculum review, staff availability and variations in student numbers.

While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information in this publication, for the reasons detailed above, changes may need to be made to modules, courses, entry requirements and fees between the date of this publication and the start of your course.

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CAREERS SUPPORT

We want you to realise your potential, to be happy and lead the kind of life you want. So we support your development throughout your course and for up to three years after you graduate.

We cover everything from figuring out what you want to do to succeeding at interviews. There are lots of opportunities to network with employers in your field. And we’ll help you find the kind of work experience that’s right for you.

We take your ambitions seriously. Whatever you want to do, wherever in the world you choose to build your career, we can help.

FUNDING

We value talent, which is why we invest in scholarships (£4m in 2018–19) for exceptional UK and international students. Government loans are available for UK and EU masters students studying eligible courses. And if you did your first degree at Sheffield, you could get a discount on your tuition fees.

Find out more about loans, scholarships and other funding here: sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught/funding

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