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**1. What are my required courses and elective options?**

All this information is listed on the current students' portal under *STUDIES/DEGREE PROGRAMS* and each individual degree. As for electives, all concentrations have a list of suggested, complementary or required electives. See the specific concentration page for specific electives.

**2. How does course enrolment work? When is it?**

Please refer to pages 6 - 10 of the Getting Started Guide.

**3. What is the course sequencing, especially for those taking two concentrations? Also CRO.**

Course sequences were provided at the Getting Started Session; they can also be found under each specific concentration on our current students' portal. Look for the *Two Year Course Sequences* heading.

**4. Can I see course syllabi before selecting my courses? Before September, so I can prepare?**

Course syllabi will be made available by the instructor the first week of classes in order to allow for any updates, etc. You can access course syllabi from previous years at <http://current.ischool.utoronto.ca/courses>.

**5. Will I be assigned my faculty advisor before course selection? When are Faculty Advisors assigned? How can I get help?**

Summer is the period when faculty members do their research work, thus most of them are not readily available. Faculty advisors are assigned in August, after course enrolment takes place, however, the course sequences provided by Student Services have been approved by the various concentration liaisons and program directors.

Once faculty advisors are assigned, feel free to email them. Remember that all faculty advisors will participate in the Meet Your Faculty Advisor sessions which take place on Orientation Day (Thursday, September 10). At this session you will find out how your particular faculty advisor likes to communicate with students, what services they may provide, etc. It will also give you a chance to meet other students!

**6. What will a typical class schedule look like for the week? Timetables?**

The worksheets on page 18 of the Getting Started Guide are particularly helpful! Students will have different individual timetables, but the following will help:

- A full time student will typically take 4 half courses (2.0 FCEs) per session
- A part time student will take either one or two half courses (0.5 -1.0 FCEs) but no more than 3 half courses (1.5 FCEs) in the same academic year (i.e., Fall 2015, Winter 2016, and Summer 2016)

- There is quite a bit of group work in most courses, so you will need to allow time for meetings, etc.
- Some classes may also have some on-site visits which may take place outside of class time.
- A reasonable estimate would have students allocate approx 10-12 hours per course per week (includes both prep and class time, as well as group work).

**7. What if the course I want/need is full?**

Always add yourself to a waitlist if the course you want to take is full; see page 11 of the Getting Started Guide. If a course has multiple sections, i.e., INF1300H, and one section is full, students will have to enrol in the section that is available. Take that into account when planning your course enrolment.

**8. Can I take courses/electives from other departments and if so, how? Is there a limit as to how many courses I can take outside the Faculty?**

New students cannot take courses outside the Faculty of Information in their first session of studies. Please refer to page 9 of the Getting Started Guide and the current students' portal (<http://current.ischool.utoronto.ca/studies/registration-enrolment#outside%20ischool>)

**9. When do I pay my fees? Payment options? Deferral options? (OSAP and out-of-province loans)**

See pages 13-14 of the Getting Started Guide.

**10. Can I add/change my concentration? What if I later want to change to or from a thesis?**

For concentration changes/additions/deletions, please refer to page of the Getting Started Guide. For guidance on the thesis option, please refer to <http://current.ischool.utoronto.ca/options/mi/thesis> on our current students' portal. The information covers both MI and MMSt students.

Students are encouraged to take required courses in their electives, particularly if you are interested in a couple of concentrations, but not 100% certain. Take at least one (some concentrations have a foundations course which provides an introduction) required course for the second concentration you are interested in perhaps taking. Choice of electives will depend on the student's interest.

Students are **not** required to do two concentrations; sometimes taking one concentration and a number of required courses from other concentrations works best for students. You may wish to discuss this with your Faculty advisors prior to Winter course enrolment.