Master of Science in Innovation and Management

The Master of Science in Innovation and Management (MSIM) program is designed to build on the foundation of strong technical and analytical skills developed in the undergrad programs the managerial, organizational, and entrepreneurial characteristics of successful executive teams along six key pillars: Business, Innovation, Management, and Entrepreneurship; Critical Thinking and Project Management; Emotional Intelligence and Cross-Functional Team Alignment; Decision Making and Leadership; Effective Communication; and Personal and Professional Development.

Program Requirements

The MSIM is a 30-credit, non-thesis one-year graduate program with no electives. The students will complete the program in one year (two consecutive semesters) with 15 credits in each semester. Students are required to maintain at least a 3.0 semester grade point average and at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average at all times while in the MSIM program. Click here for information on the MSIM curriculum: https://www.montana.edu/business/ms-innovation-management/requirements.html

Admission

Most students enroll immediately following their undergraduate degree and others with 1-3 years of work experience post-undergraduate degree completion.

To apply, see Application Process below. Applicants must be formally admitted by The Graduate School after the preliminary recommendation for admission is reached by the MSIM Director. Refer to The Graduate School’s Admission Policies webpage for additional information at: http://www.montana.edu/gradschool/admissions/.

Dates & Deadlines

The priority deadline for review is November 15 with follow-on review dates of December 15, January 15, and February 15. Applications received after these dates will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Application Process

Applicants to the MSIM program must complete an online Application for Graduate Admission, which can be accessed at: http://www.montana.edu/gradschool/apply.html.

The following documents are required in order for your application to be considered complete and eligible for review:

- Application (http://www.montana.edu/gradschool/apply.html) and the non-refundable $60 application fee
- Official transcripts from each university attended (MSU transcripts past 1988 need not be submitted)
- Official entrance exam scores (GRE or GMAT) *waived for the MUS system graduates with a GPA above 3.0 and for fall 2021 cohort due to the coronavirus pandemic
- Two letters of recommendation. Please do not ask for letters of recommendation from family members, friends, roommates, etc.
- 500-1,000 word essay on your motivations for entering the program
- International students must also submit official TOEFL or IELTS scores, a financial certificate with supporting documents, and degree certificates.

The MSIM program is highly selective, with a limited number of openings available to qualified students. The MSIM Director will admit those students whose previous academic performance and/or work experience indicate a desire and ability to excel. Test scores and records of academic performance are evaluated individually in the admissions procedure. Of equal importance, however, are the applicant’s personal qualifications, accomplishments, and letters of recommendation. The applicant’s entire file is reviewed in order to ensure the admission of those with the highest aptitude, motivation, and qualifications.

For priority consideration, a complete application package must be received by the deadlines noted above. Applications received after the priority deadline may be considered, depending on a variety of factors. Contact the MSIM Director immediately to determine if circumstances will permit consideration of your late application.

More details about MSIM requirements can be found at: https://www.montana.edu/business/ms-innovation-management/requirements.html

Financial Assistance

The Jake Jabs College of Business & Entrepreneurship (Jabs) offers scholarship assistance for graduate students. A scholarship application is made available by the MSIM Director after acceptance into the program.

Frequently Asked Questions

For a list of frequently asked questions, please see the MSIM webpage within the Jabs website at: https://www.montana.edu/business/ms-innovation-management/faq.html

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