The GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN INFORMATION STUDIES provides continuing education and professional development for those already working in the information professions who wish to assume leadership responsibilities in the management of information services and information policy.

PROGRAM
The program of study, which is individually adapted based on applicants’ prior education and experience and future career goals, consists primarily of advanced courses offered in the second year of the Master of Information Studies curriculum.

LANGUAGES OF INSTRUCTION
Courses are taught in either English or French, without duplication. Depending on course availability and the student’s approved study plan, it might be possible for the program to be completed in only one language, but a greater choice in course selection is available to students with a comprehension of both languages. In accordance with University of Ottawa policy, students may submit work in either language.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
• A previously obtained Master’s degree from a recognized university;
  Note that if future employment goals require graduation from a program accredited by the American Library Association, the prior Master’s degree must be in library and/or information science;
• Relevant employment experience demonstrating computer literacy and leadership potential;
• Proficiency in both French and English is preferred.

RANGE OF COURSES
Subjects include current issues in the management of information organizations; responsibility for human, physical and financial resources; information-systems procurement; electronic information retrieval; intellectual property in the Canadian legal context; and design, promotion and evaluation of programs and services in libraries, archives and information centres.

DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS
15 credits, consisting of five three-credit courses.

This program has no prescribed compulsory courses, although depending on students’ prior education and experience, prerequisites for certain courses may be required.

“As a returning student seeking to broaden my professional knowledge base I appreciated the range of fascinating courses offered by ESIS.

Their practical focus on information management provided me with essential tools that I immediately applied in my current work environment. They also deepened my perspective and provided an objective lens through which to assess the social and economic implications of information in the digital age.

As most, if not all organizations continue to be faced with information related challenges and opportunities I am confident that the knowledge and skills obtained through my ESIS Graduate Diploma will serve me extremely well throughout my professional career.”

Samy Agha | Graduate Diploma Student | Ottawa, Ontario