HUMAN-COMPUTER INTERACTION (HCIM)

Graduate Degree Program
College: Information Studies

Abstract
In the HCIM program, students learn to design, evaluate, and implement new information technologies that are understandable, usable, and appealing to a wide variety of people. Our students develop a fundamental understanding of the technology design process, tool-building technologies, evaluation techniques, application areas for users, and the social impact of technology on the individual and community. The program prepares students to become human-computer interaction (HCI) leaders in industry and government, or to become successful in doctoral work in a particular specialization of HCI.

Our 30-credit program is typically completed in two years by full-time students, while offering flexibility to accommodate part-time and professional students. Our core curriculum grounds students in the fundamentals of HCI perspectives and methodologies, while electives offer in-depth insight into specialized areas of the field. A required internship experience provides a unique opportunity to gain hands-on experience in industry or research environments, and the choice of an individual thesis or a client-based team capstone project allows students to demonstrate the skills they've acquired in the form best suited to their career goals.

Financial Assistance
The HCIM program is not able to offer applicants financial aid on admission. Many of our students apply for and secure graduate assistantships after being admitted to the program, but these positions are administered by individual faculty, departments, and offices, not by the program itself. For more information about scholarships and financial aid offered by the College of Information Studies, please see here (http://ischool.umd.edu/tuition-fees).

Contact
For more information about applying to the HCIM program (http://ischool.umd.edu/hcim-admissions), please contact the iSchool Student Services Office at ischooladmission@umd.edu.

Website: http://www.ischool.umd.edu/hcim
For more admissions information or to apply to the program, please visit the Graduate School website (https://www.gradschool.umd.edu/admissions).

**Application Deadlines**

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**Other Deadlines:** Please visit the program website at http://www.ischool.umd.edu/hcim

**Requirements**

- Human-Computer Interaction, Master of Science (M.S.) (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/human-computer-interaction-hcim/human-computer-interaction-ms)

**Facilities and Special Resources**

The College operates six research centers: the Human-Computer Interaction Lab (HCIL), the Information Policy and Access Center (iPAC), and the Center for Advanced Study of Communities and Information (CASC), the Cloud Computing Center (CCC), the Trace Center, and the Digital Curation Innovation Center (DCIC).

iSchool faculty and doctoral students also participate in or have affiliations with the University of Maryland Institute for Advanced Computer Studies (UMIACS), the Maryland Institute for Technology in the Humanities (MITH), and the Computational Linguistics and Information Processing Laboratory (CLIP), as well as the Departments of Computer Science, English, and Sociology, the Robert H. Smith School of Business, the College of Education, and the Philip Merrill College of Journalism.