Curricula in Information Science: Four Year Progress Report

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This is our second study of curricula in information science. It provides a basis for comparison of the 1968 curricula with those of 1972, observing trends in the educational system in information science. Since this study solicited information on all three educational levels, the statistics describing all programs are given; comparisons are made at the MS level only, using the 1968 data. These indicate a curriculum shift from traditional librarianship to an emphasis on computerization and automation. This trend appears to encompass theory as well as technology.

The most frequently offered course "Introduction to

Introduction

It is important to know the state of education in information science, but it is equally important to know the direction in which it is going. If education can be tied in with societal needs and career opportunities, then it is mandatory to give it direction.

In pursuit of answers to the above, a questionnaire similar to the one used in our 1968 study (1) was employed to solicit information regarding curricula in schools offering programs in information science. The responses reflect programs which existed in 1972-3. A comparison reflects changes in curricula during a critical four year period in the developing field of information science. A much larger population of schools was used in the '72-'73 sample because the solicitation was expanded to include all three levels of education, i.e., B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. The previous study covered the master's programs only.

Where comparisons are made, only schools which participated in both studies are included. Thus comparisons are made for programs on the master's level only. Programs on the baccalaureate and the Ph.D. levels merely reflect the present state and are reported as such.

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Information Science," exposes students to a new way of looking at library and information problems. Programming, theories of information content identification, library automation and some basic mathematics has increased. If the trend continues, libraries may be turning into Community Information Centers utilizing telecommunication for their information needs.

Deans, faculty, professional society and industry representatives reviewed the questionnaire analysis results in Workshop III and made recommendations for educational goals and curricula on three levels, i.e., the bacculaureate, masters and doctorate.

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Many information science programs, especially those on the baccalaureate level, are tied closely to computer science and in some instances are precisely that, under an information science label. It is difficult to draw a clean line of demarcation between the two, and while an attempt was made to keep this study uncontaminated a bias is noticeable.

Questionnaire Statistics

Questionnaires were mailed to 138 schools, 71 of which responded. A total of 566 courses were described. Many of the schools which did not respond had their programs identified as computer science. Of the 44 schools which responded in 1968, the Universities of Dayton and Portland discountinued their programs in information science and seven others did not respondleaving 35 schools common to both studies offering master's degrees. As in the previous study, the major focus of analysis was on the clustering of topics enumerated in the syllabi. The general statistics about the programs which follow are of considerable importance. This is especially so because a comparison between 1968 and 1972 indicated change during the last four years.

The courses most frequently offered by all schools, irrespective of their orientation or the level of the programs, are shown in Table 1a.

Table 1a				
Course Titles	1968 No.	1972 No.		
Introduction to Information Science	18	51		
Systems Analysis, Design, Evaluation	12	47		
Information Storage & Retrieval	36	43		
Data Processing	7	33		
Computer Programming	6	29		
Theory of Classification, Indexing, Abstracting, etc.		23		
Communication		22		

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It is interesting to note that "Introduction to Information Science" has captured the lead from "Information Storage and Retrieval" (I S & R) of the previous study. Several other changes have taken place, and in each case theory and structure courses are replacing applications types. In our opinion, this indicates some

Library Automation

Research Methods in Information

Data Structures (File Organiza-

Interactive Systems and Networks

Language & Linguistics

Mathematics

maturing in the field.

functions.

Science

The data which follow are given as percentages so that comparisons between 1968 and 1972 can be made. Only schools which offered masters programs and responded in both years have been included.

Table 1b shows a considerable change in orientation and emphasis in curricula. Courses in information science changed their orientation from Library Science to Computer Science by ten percent. This is an important change in emphasis. The direction is to more computer utilization at the expense of traditional library

Table 1b

Orientation of Courses:	1968 %	1972 %
Computer Science	20	30
Library Science	42	30
Behavioral Science	6	5
Mathematics & Logic	9	7
Statistics	2	2
Operations Research	6	5
Linguistics	4	5
Engineering	1	5
Other	10	11
Engineering	1 10	5 11

Used (Table 1d) are rather disappointing. We feel that graduate programs should be more seminar and laboratory oriented than those which have been reported. Lecturing at graduate students is undignified. Similarly, reference books and journal articles are thought more appropriate for graduate study than textbook assignments. Evaluation of student performance should be made on ability to deal with long range projects and/or in-depth reports. Examinations (Table 1e), for which

progress.

predetermined replies are expected do not measure such

Method of Instruction (Table 1c) as well as Textbook

Table 1	.c	
Method of Instruction:	1968 %	1972 %
Lecture	58	57
Seminar	19	20
Laboratory	18	14
Practicum	55	9

Table 1d

Textbook Used in the Course:	196 8 %	1972 %
Yes	49	53
No	48	13
No Response	3	34

Table le

Method of Performance Evaluation	1968 %	1972 %
Examinations	45	48
Term Papers	40	35
Projects	15	17

Table If shows that electives dominate graduate degree programs in information science, as they should. The interdisciplinary nature of the field permits graduates to pursue diverse interests.

Table 1f

		
Required or Elective:	196 8 1%	1972 %
Required Elective	30	33
	56	61
No Response	14	6

Offering courses more frequently than once a year is not frugal, and constraints to conserve resources are more visible now than they were in 1968. Obviously, this provides greater efficiency in academic programs.

Table 1g shows that 60% of all courses are offered not more frequently than once a year.

Table 1g 1968 1972 Frequency of Offering Per Year: % %

9 Less than once 6 40 51 Once Twice 32 26 22 14 More than twice

The stabilization of the academic programs in infor-

mation science during the last four to five years has shown a shift in the direction of the scientific method. With this we note a tendency to automate processes which previously were performed manually. In the academic environment such shifts must be reflected in the books which are used in the classroom and in the overall educational process. The book most frequently mentioned and used in 17 courses is the Handbook of Data Processing for Libraries by R. Hayes and J. Becker.

Table Ih provides a list of textbooks used with frequen-Table 1h

The Following Texts had Frequency Ranges of 17 to 5:

Hayes, R. and J. Becker, Handbook of Data Processing *(17) for Libraries, New York: John Wiley (1970).

Artandi, S., An Introduction to Computers in Information Science (2nd ed.), Metuchen, NJ: Scarecrow Press (1972).

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Hopcroft, J.E. and J.D. Ullman, Formal Languages and the Relation to Automata, Reading, MA: Addi-

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Griswald, R., et al., The SNOBOL-Four Programming Language (2nd ed.), Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Pren-

tice-Hall (1971). (6)

Bell, C.G. and A. Newell, Computer Structures Reading and Examples, New York McGraw-Hill (1971). (5)

Chapman, E.A., Library Systems Analysis Guidelines. New York: John Wiley, (n.d.) (5)

Foskett, A.C., The Subject Approach to Information (5)

(2nd ed.), Hamden CN: Shoestring Press (1971).

Gries, D., Compiler Construction for Digital Computing, New York: John Wiley (1971).

*Indicates the number of times the book was mentioned in the questionnaire.

cies ranging from 17 to five. Books which were mentioned less than five times are not given here. Appendix C lists all textbooks and their frequencies as determined by the questionnaire.

The major concentration of the cluster analysis was focused on the syllabi which described course content for every course covered in the study. All of the topics included constituted material which fits under the umbrella of information science for which a cluster analysis of the topics was made. Clusters were formed by

developing associative matrices, i.e., frequencies of co-

occurrence of topics with hours spent on each topic (3).

Clusters from M.S. programs

Seven clusters were obtained on the master's level, compared to six produced by the 1968 study. However, the differences among these are much greater. In the 1968 study, much longer lists of topics appeared under each cluster than in the 1972 study, (Tables 2a through 2g). The reason for this reduction in the number of topics is due to the close agreement of topics among the schools. It is interesting to note that two clusters, "Mathematics" and "Research Methods," disappeared in the second study. In their place clusters under headings

of "Library Automation," "Computer Operating Sys-

tems" and "Theory of Computing" appeared on the

scene. The present study indicates that education in

information science is beginning to see the convergence

of subjects in the curricula that rightfully belong in the

Table 2a Cluster 1: Introduction to Information Science Coding Communication Cybernetics

Table 2b

Cluster 2: Systems Evaluation Evaluation methodology

Decision processes

Information services

Information theory

Languages-linguistics

Information systems environment

Evaluation of information systems Measures of effectiveness Systems analysis System design

Table 2c

Cluster 3: Introduction to Computers

Computer programming Computers

Data processing
Data processing equipment

Flowcharting

Hardware

Languages—general Software

Operating systems Time-sharing

Table 2d

Cluster 4: Computer Operating Systems	
Compilers	
Machine languages	
Multiprogramming	

Table 2e

Cluster 5: Information Storage and Retrieval

Automatic information storage and retrieval Classification Fact retrieval File organization Indexing Role of theory in retrieval

Search strategy Search techniques Thesaurus

Abstracting

Table 2f

Cluster 6: Theory of Computing

Algorithms
Automata theory
Finite state machines
Recursive function theory
Turing machines

Table 2g

Cluster 7: Library Automation

Circulation systems
Library automation
Library and information networks

Library standards

MARC system
Planning, staffing, and implementation of
library automation

• Questionnaire Statistics 1972: B.S., M.S. and Ph.D.

The tables for the remainder of the paper represent the state of programs during the 1972-73 year for the B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. levels. Table 3a shows that at the B.S. level the greatest emphasis is on computer science and library science. Engineering and mathematics ranked next in that sequence. The emphasis is on technology. On the master's level, graduates become professional librarians and information scientists, with greater emphasis on library science. At the Ph.D. level, computers again play a dominant role. As the educational levels rise from the B.S. to the Ph.D., more emphasis is being placed on behavioral science and mathematics and logic. The oppo-

Table 3a

site is true for engineering.

	Table Ja						
	1972						
Orientation of Courses	B.S. %	M.S. %	Ph.D.	Ali levels %			
Computer Science	56	31	43	37			
Library Science	10	31	10	25	Ì		
Behavioral Science] 2	17	10] 7			
Mathematics & Logic	7	6	9	7	Ì		
Statistics	1	3	4	2			
Operations Research	2	5	3	4			
Linguistics	2	4	5	3	ı		
Engineering	8	4	4	5			
Other	12	9	12	10	ĺ		

It is disappointing to see that the lecture method for teaching at the Ph.D. level is as high as indicated in Table 3b. It is gratifying that the seminar method is utilized substantially more at the higher levels than that at the baccalaureate level. Lecturing at mature people is not only undignified but also is not conducive to learning.

Learning is best accomplished by teaching others, and the seminar method can provide such opportunities. Laboratory and practicum experiences relate to experiences acquired in real situations, devoid of theoretical aspects. For this reason laboratory and practicum experiences decrease as the educational level rises. In the same sense, Table 3c indicates that textbook usage at higher levels of education is less than at the bachelor's level. Certainly reference materials and professional journal readings should be the main source for acquiring knowledge at the Ph.D. level where the state-of-the-art is of the essence.

Table 3b

•	1972			
Method of Instruction	B.S.	M.S. %	Ph.D.	All levels %
Lecture	57	52	68	54
Seminar	10	22	16	19
Laboratory	27	17	10	19
Practicum	6	9	6	8

Table 3c

Table 3c					
	1972				
B.S. %	M.S. %	Ph.D. %	All levels %		
75 6 19	53 8 39	58 5 37	57 8 38		
	B.S. %	15 B.S. M.S. % % 75 53 6 8	B.S. M.S. Ph.D. % 75 53 58 6 8 5		

3d) should deemphasize examinations and exercise ably well. assignments and stress long-range performance and Table 3f ability to integrate as the educational level rises. The ability of students to prepare, organize and deliver a seminar presentation and/or develop term papers on a

	1972			
Method of Performance Evaluation	B.S. %	M.S.	Ph.D.	All levels %
Examination Term Papers Projects	66 12 22	47 34 19	52 38 10	51 30 19
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support prerequisites. Table 3f demonstrates this reason-

Cluster Analyses for All Levels 1972

The cluster analyses are of interest because they emphasize the differences in programs on various levels, although the general theme of information science permeates all levels. For example, the cluster "theory of organization of knowledge" in the bachelor's program is absorbed by the cluster "information storage and retrieval" in the master's program. The cluster, "theory of organization of knowledge," on the Ph.D. level, (Tables 5a-5k) takes on new dimensions. Similarly, it can be observed that in the bachelor's program students get a sound foundation in computer science oriented topics. In the master's program they go into library automation

research methods in the Ph.D. program stresses the importance of research at this level. Tables 4a to 4h show the clusters that were obtained at the bachelor's level, tables 5a to 5k at the Ph.D. level and tables 6a to 6k at the combined (B.S., M.S. and Ph.D.) levels.

where computers are utilized. On the Ph.D. level.

"library systems" and "advanced topics in computer

science" replace the applied approach of the M.S. level. Programs on all levels recognize the need for mathematics; however, the strong emphasis on statistics and on

1972 ΑIJ M.S. Ph.D. Frequency of Offering B.S. ievels per year % % % % 15 8 Less than once 2 11 34 55 49 Once 52 Twice 31 21 20 23 More than twice 33 16 10 20

given or selected theme are better indicators of student growth than examinations which elicit specific responses. Table 3d

Methods of evaluating student performance (Table

advisors, to select an educational program to meet their special needs and career desires. The more flexible the program, the easier this is to accomplish. Less constraint (required courses) and more electives, as shown in Table° 3e, provide such flexibility. Table 3e

Graduate students should be able, with the aid of

B.S.

%

Required or Elective

1972

Ph.D.

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M.S.

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All

levels

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-	Required Elective No response	49 46 5	30 63 7	66 5	58 7	
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B.S. Clusters 1972

Table 4a Cluster 1: Introduction to Information Science. Coding Abstracting Communication Cataloging Information needs Classification Indexing IS&R Information theory MIS Search techniques

Table 4b

Cluster 2: Theory of Organization of Knowledge.

Table 4c	Table 4d
Cluster 3: Linguistics	Cluster 4: System and Evaluation
Descriptive grammar Generative grammar Linguistics & information processing Natural language analysis Phonology Statistical linguistics	Evaluation methodology Measure of effectiveness Model building Systems analysis Systems design
Table 4e	Table 4f
Cluster 5: Mathematics	Cluster 6: Introduction to Computers
Calculus Differential equations Lagrange's multipliers Linear programming Mathematics & Logic Non-linear programming Set theory Vectors & matrices	Computer programming Computers Data processing Flowcharting Hardware Languages—general Software
Table 4g	Table 4h
Cluster 7: Computer Operating Systems	Cluster 8: Data Base Structures
Computers Machine Language Multiprogramming Operating Systems Time Sharing	File organization Information structures Linked lists Tree structures
Ph.D. Clust	ters 1972
Table 5a	Table 5b
Cluster 1: Information Systems	Cluster 2: Library Systems
Coding File organization History of science Information structures Information theory Information systems Management information systems Search strategy Tree structures	Circulation systems Library automation Library standards MARC standards Planning, staffing & implementation of library automation project
Table 5c	Table 5d
Cluster 3: Theory of Organization of Knowledge	Cluster 4: Linguistics
Abstracting Classification Indexing Information Storage & Retrieval Thesaurus	Context-free languages Generative grammar Languages-general Linguistics & information processing
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Table 4d

Table 5e Table 5k Cluster 5: Evaluation of Systems Cluster 11: Theory of Computing Evaluation methodology Algorithms Evaluation of IS & R systems Automata theory Measures of effectiveness Finite state machines Systems analysis Recursive function theory Systems design Set theory Turing machines Table 5f Cluster 6: Research Methods Tables 6a to 6k, clusters obtained from topics on all Communication levels, define the information science field as it exists today. The 11 clusters which follow emphasize the Design of experiments Information center & mass communication interdisciplinary nature of the field. Media Psychology 1. Foundations of Information Science Research techniques 2. Theory of Organization of Knowledge 3. Theory of Computing Table 5g 4. Computer Methods 5. Data Processing Cluster 7: Mathematics 6. Automation of Library Systems 7. Management in Libraries Calculus 8. Systems Evaluation Differential equations 9. Behavioral Aspects Descriptive statistics Mathematics & logic 10. Statistics Vectors & matrices 11. Mathematics Table 5h General (B.S. + M.S. + Ph.D.) Clusters, 1972 Cluster 8: Statistics Table 6a Decision process Probability distribution Cluster 1: Foundations of Information Science Queueing Sampling Information theory Statistical analysis Communication Statistical decision theory. History of science Coding Table 5i Media Linguistics & information processing Cluster 9: Computer Programming Information displays Information explosion Programming Libraries & communication Computers Information sciences Data processing Information storage & retrieval Hardware Search strategy Machine language Sociological aspects Software Table 6b Table 5i Cluster 2: Theory of Organization of Knowledge Cluster 10: Computer Operating Systems Abstracting Compilers Indexing Multiprogramming Extracting Operating systems Classification Time-sharing Cataloging Content analysis Bibliographic control Reproduced with permission of the copyright owner. Further reproduction prohibited without permission.

Table 6g Cluster 3: Theory of Computing Cluster 7: Management in Libraries Information structure Library & information networks Library functions Algorithms Countability Library standards Sequential nets Managerial objectives Future of libraries Switching theory Automata theory Professional aspects Turing machines Library associations Finite state machines University libraries Meta-mathematics Recursive function theory Table 6h Cluster 8: System Evaluation Table 6d Evaluation methodology Cluster 4: Computer Methods Evaluation of information retrieval systems Measures of effectiveness Computers Planning, programming & budgeting (PPB) Operating systems Operations research & information systems Compilers Systems design Machine language Systems analysis Time sharing Decision Processes Multi programming Model building Computer utility Work measurement Linked list Systems synthesis Tree structure Queueing File organization Table 6i Table 6e Cluster 9: Behavioral Aspects Cluster 5: Data Processing Computer programming Psychology Human information processing Software Hardware Concept formation Flowcharting Thinking Feedback and control Punched cards Data collection methods Data processing equipment Recording media Dial-up access Table 6j Telecommunication Networks Cluster 10: Statistics Research techniques Scientific method Table 6f Design of experiments Interpretation of statistical results Cluster 6: Automation of Library Systems Statistical decision theory Factor analysis Planning, staffing & implementation of library automation Analysis of variance Circulation system Tests of hypotheses Microforms Descriptive statistics Automation of serials Probability distribution MARC system Sampling **MEDLARS** Regression & correlation Mechanized cataloging Statistical analysis Automation of book reservation system Reproduced with permission of the copyright owner. Further reproduction prohibited without permission.

Table 6c

Table 6k

Cluster 11: Mathematics

Mathematical logic
Calculus
Vectors & matrices
Differential equations
Algebra
Linear programming
Non-linear programming
Dynamic programming
Lagrange's multipliers
Topology
Set theory

Workshop III

Graph theory

conducted to which participants representing academia, industry, government and professional societies were invited. The specific goal of this workshop was to develop recommendations for curricula in information science at three levels, baccalaureate, master's and the

Ph.D. The two-day workshop involved 23 participants

As in the previous studies (1-3), a workshop was

(Appendix A)
On the first day, the questionnaire statistics and their implications were presented to the group by Jack Belzer.
C. Walter Stone, chairman of a task force on education

of the Center for the Study of Information and Education (CSIE) presented his report, "Curricula Reform of Library and Information Science," (4) and Donald P. Ely, Director of CSIE, reported on "Information Systems and New Towns," and "Information Delivery Systems of Non Traditional Study." William J. Cameron.

Systems of Non Traditional Study." William J. Cameron, Dean of the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Western Ontario, gave a report on the seminar method of teaching at his school. After discussion of the four papers, three subgroups were formed, one for the undergraduate curriculum, chaired by Vivian S. Sessions of the City University of New York Graduate School, one for the master's program, chaired by Pauline Atherton of the Syracuse University School of Information Studies, and a third for the Ph.D. program, chaired by Margaret Chisholm, Dean of the University of Maryland College of Library and Information Services. The following afternoon each subgroup submitted recommendations for curricula for its assigned

Table 7 presents this model. It is being presented here because of its overall implications.

level. The subgroup working on the master's program

developed a generalized model for all levels of study. It

identified four types of knowledge required with a

different emphasis in each.

Theory Concepts Tools Application Ph.D. XXXX ХX XXX x Masters XXXX x XX XXX Bachelors х XXX XXXX xx (x=relative degree of emphasis)

Table 7

Undergraduate Program Recommendations

The undergraduate degree in information science was not considered to be a professional degree by the working group. Instead it was looked upon as a degree in the School of Arts and Sciences with a major in information science. (A major in arts and sciences consists of 30 to 36 credits with a possible 12 credits in a related field.) Because of the interdisciplinary nature of information science, seven areas were identified as composing the field. Concentration in any one area is possible, depending on the speical interest of the student, and should be planned with the aid of his advisor. Certainly, if this is going to be a terminal degree the student should acquire skills which would help him to cope with his desired pursuit. His exit knowledge should correspond. The seven areas composing the field are:

- Technology
- Theory of Organization
- Mathematics
- Language and Linguistics
- Basic Sciences
- Management Theory

Technology includes computers, transmission and microphotography. Theory of organization covers topics in file structures, indexing and the philosophy of organization of human knowledge. Mathematics is to equip the student with tools for quantitative analysis and give him new insights into concepts which are mathematically characterized—such as the concepts of limits, rates of convergence, iterative processes, acceleration rates and statistical distributions. Language and linguistics imply both natural and artificial languages.

No one is expected to wind up with long sequences of courses in each of the seven areas. Since education in arts and sciences implies course distribution, a sampling of courses in these seven areas is indicated. A minor in a related field can be obtained in mathematics, computer science, management science or some other field. In addition, the candidate can obtain in-depth knowledge in a combination of two or three of the other areas as part of his major. In this program, not all graduates are going to look alike. This is as it should be. Each can pursue his special interests. The program places its major emphasis on tools and the secondary emphasis on concepts (Table 7).

graduate education, the one that is conspicuously absent from the cluster analysis is management theory. It is recommended that management theory be included in curricula of undergraduate programs in information

Ot all the areas identified by the subgroup on under-

Master's Curriculum Recommendations

applications and tools and to a lesser degree on concepts and theory (Table 7). A. Applications

In the master's program, strong emphasis is placed on

1. Operation of Systems

- a. Libraries and Information Centers
 - b. Networking (Information/Communication)
- 2. Media Technology and Transmission
- - a. Print and Nonprint Technology
 - b. Media Distribution
 - c. Cable T.V.
- 3. Consumer Environments
 - a. Different Client and Service Needs
 - Social Issues and Public Policy
 - c. Requirement Analysis
 - d. Human Communication Process
 - e. Response Analysis and Design
 - f. Capacity and Efficiency of Various Media and Systems for Different Clientele

B. Tools

There are two classes of tools, those directly related to information science and those adjunctive to it.

- 1. Information Storage and Retrieval a. Content analysis
 - b. Abstracting and indexing

 - c. Classification
 - d. Thesaurus structures
 - e. Search strategies
- 2. Management
 - a. Measures of effectiveness
- b. Systems analysis and design
- 3. Adjunctive Areas
- a. Mathematics and statistics
- b. Languages
- c. Data processing
 - d. Management planning
 - 1) Finance and budgeting
 - 2) Marketing
 - 3) Personnel data

C. Theories and Concepts

- 1. Introduction to Information Science
- 2. Philosophy
- 3. Information Systems
 - Vocabulary control
 - b. Indexing and classification c. File structures
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4. Adjunctive Areas a. Theory of communication and information

- b. Group dynamics
- c. Decision theory d. Computing theory
- e. Linguistics

The adjunctive areas are not part of the information

science curriculum. It would be convenient if they were prerequisites for admission to a master's program in information science. Since admission to the program would come from a variety of majors with BA/BS degrees, it would be unrealistic to expect all applicants to have the same skills upon admission to the program. It is recommended that master's program in information science be sufficiently flexible to deal with these situations.

The cluster analysis of the master's program does not show any topic on media technology recommended by the subgroup, nor is there a cluster where such a topic would logically fit. Professional practitioners in information science should be knowledgeable in the technology of media.

The Ph.D. level working group identified five func-

tions in which Ph.D.'s in information science would be

involved. They are research, teaching, administration,

Ph.D. Curriculum Recommendations

development and consultation. An individual would perform any one, or a combination of more than one, of these functions, but rarely across the entire spectrum. In order for an individual to be flexible enough to be able to operate in any of the five areas enumerated above, he must be a scholar. He must be able to bridge (and carry over applicable knowledge and experience) from one area to the other. Research methodology and results are brought into the classroom, and classroom discussions generate new methodology in the research laboratory. Basic theories underlying tools (which were acquired in lower level programs), provide concepts and better understanding of existing phenomena. Creativity results from better understanding of why certain phenomena occur, rather than merely how they occur, or that they occur at all. The ability to conduct research to discover why certain phenomena occur is a form of competence which goes along with scholarship. It is possible that

someone who has a strong research competence may not

be suited to be a practitioner in the field. Nevertheless,

special competence in: research methods and techniques,

the application of these techniques, the understanding of

the environment in which the researcher is working, and

the social conciousness of the way in which information

systems work, all relate to research competence which is

needed, above all, in the Ph.D. program.

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Appendix A:

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Appendix B:

Schools Participating in Questionnaire Analysis

	First	Second	
	Questionnaire	Questionnaire	
	1968	1972	
University		х	
State University		X	
Cesan State University	44	Y	

	California State University		х
	Case Western Reserve University	х	х
	Chattanooga State Technical Institute		х
	City University of New York		X
	Clarion State College	Х	X
	Cornell University		X
	Dalhousie University		X
	Drexel University	x	X X
	East Carolina University East Tennessee State University	х	x
	Emory University	^	x
	Florida Atlantic University		x
	Florida State University	X	x
	George Peabody College of Teachers	x	x
	Georgia Institute of Technology	X	X
	Harvard University		х
	Illinois Institute of Technology		x
	Indiana University	x	x
	Iowa State University		X
	Kent State University		x
	Lehigh University	х	
	McGill University		X
	Northern Illinois University		X
	Ohio State University		X X
	Point Park College	х	x
	Pratt Institute Queens College (CUNY)	А	x
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