



SCHOOL OF INFORMATICS

INDIANA UNIVERSITY
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Dear Sherry,

When I met you in person few months back, I informed you about our plans to develop several 5-year integrated BS-MS Programs in Informatics. While our BS programs in Informatics and Media Arts & Science provide a breadth of knowledge in informatics and media arts skills, integrating these BS degrees with our professional MS programs in Health Informatics, Bioinformatics and Human Computer Interaction will provide the students further depth in specified areas of application. This will provide them with better career and job opportunities.

The integrated 5-year program will reduce the total time needed to obtain both the BS and MS degrees by one year. This is a significant saving in both cost and time for the students. The proposed integration of two programs is made possible by replacing 12 of those 15 elective credit hours in the undergraduate program with graduate-level courses from the MS programs. These substitutions occur in the 7th and 8th semesters of the student's BS program.

The following are the four 5-year integrated BS-MS program proposals that are enclosed:

- 1) Informatics BS – Human Computer Interaction MS 5-Yr Application
- 2) Informatics BS – Bioinformatics MS 5-Yr Application
- 3) Informatics BS – Health Informatics MS 5-Yr Application
- 4) Media Arts & Science BS – Human Computer Interaction MS 5-Yr Application

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

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INFO BIO 5 YR APP
INFO HLTH 5 YR APP
MAS HCI 5 YR APP