The master of science in innovation and entrepreneurship (MSIE) degree program provides a solid foundation in the management disciplines essential to innovation with specific focus on the tools, techniques and skills required to develop and lead product, service and business model innovation. The MSIE degree is designed to complement baccalaureate or advanced degrees in business, engineering, science or the arts. The program is organized into three four-course (12 credit hours) modules. The program structure is illustrated below:

**Program Requirements**

**Core Courses.** All MSIE students must complete the basic core, consisting of courses in accounting, marketing, entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial finance.

**Concentration.** Students must also complete a four-course (12 credit hour) sequence in one of the two concentration areas. The new venture concentration is intended for students seeking to start an entrepreneurial venture or work within a startup organization. The innovation within the corporation concentration is designed to prepare students for innovation-related roles in established organizations.

**Elective Courses.** All MSIE students must also complete 12 credit hours of study chosen from among the list of available elective courses. Students must complete enough elective credit hours to meet the 36 credit hour requirement for graduation.
**Experiential Requirement.** Within the elective requirement, all MSIE students must enroll in at least one of the experiential course offerings (ENTP 6360, ENTP 6365 or ENTP 6398). These courses engage students with prospective customers and industry participants through the “hands-on” application of a structured business concept validation methodology. ENTP 6360 is focused on the student’s own startup idea. ENTP 6365 engages students in the validation of a business concept focused on a faculty-developed or external company technology. ENTP 6398 provides a similar learning experience for students enrolled in the innovation within the corporation concentration. ENTP 6360 and ENTP 6365 will be taught in the UT Dallas Venture Development Center.

Students must maintain a 3.0 grade point average in all courses to qualify for the MSIE degree.

**Program Prerequisites**

ENTP 6315 requires that students have completed a course in finance (equivalent to FIN 6301). FIN 6301 requires completion of a course in business statistics (equivalent to OPRE 6301). Candidates who have not taken equivalent courses will need to take FIN 6301 and/or OPRE 6301 to meet the prerequisite requirements. If required, one of these prerequisite courses (but not both) may be included as an elective that will count as part of the 36 credit hours required for the MSIE degree.

**Application Process**

Prospective MSIE students must apply to and be admitted to the Jindal School of Management. Admission requirements are detailed at: [http://jindal.utdallas.edu/prospective-students/admission-requirements/](http://jindal.utdallas.edu/prospective-students/admission-requirements/) and summarized below:

- Completion of the online application form.
- An official and competitive GMAT or GRE score, no more than five years old.
- For domestic applicants, official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended including any graduate program in which the applicant was enrolled. See the website for additional requirements for international students.
- For international applicants, an official English proficiency exam score, no more than two years old from the date of application. See website for minimum requirements.
- A detailed resume of all work history. Work experience is not required for admission.
- Three letters of recommendation from current or past employers, community leaders, current or former professors, etc.
- A one page, double-spaced, typed essay outlining the applicant’s academic interests and goals.

**Waivers and Transfers of Credit**

Waivers of program requirements may be granted in recognition of previous coursework completed with a grade of B or better within the past six years in a specific business program area. Waivers approved by the program director allow a student to skip a core course and take a higher level course in the same academic area with no reduction in the overall program hour requirements.

Transfer credits may be granted for equivalent graduate course work taken at other universities with a grade of B or better within the past six years. Up to nine hours of course work from other universities may be waived from or transferred to the MSIE program. Consult the UTD Graduate Catalog for further details.

Applications for approval of waivers and transfers may be obtained in and submitted to the Jindal School of Management Advising Office.

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