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Description
The Master of Library and Information Science prepares students for
professional positions in academic, public, special, school libraries,
museums and other types of information agencies. Graduates with
the M.L.I.S. degree can also find jobs in cultural organizations and
companies of all sorts and sizes. Many M.L.I.S. graduates go on to
positions in other areas of the information field besides libraries –
in research, for example, or publishing, information management,
competitive business intelligence and more. The American Library
Association has granted continued accreditation to the Kent State
M.L.I.S. program for over 50 years. An accredited M.L.I.S. is the
basic requirement for professional employment in most libraries and
information centers.

Students have the option to pursue the general M.L.I.S. degree or the
M.L.I.S. degree with a concentration in K-12 School Library Media
Licensure. Students pursuing the general M.L.I.S. have the option of
focusing in one or more areas. The School of Library and Information
Science provides advising to help students select appropriate courses
for a variety of areas of study. The M.L.I.S. degree with a concentration
in K-12 School Library Media leads to the M.L.I.S. degree as well as the
opportunity to apply for multi-age licensure in school library media. Students are prepared to work in all types of libraries, including school libraries, and the curriculum includes library science and instructional
technology courses within the College of Education, Health and Human
Services.

Licensure Requirement (not required for graduation):
Candidates seeking Ohio licensure are required to pass specific
assessments in order to apply for licensure. Students should consult
their advisors for specific program requirements and refer to the See
Ohio Department of Education-Educator Preparation website for more
information on assessments specific to licensure type. Applicants
interested in obtaining school library media licensure or certification
outside the state of Ohio should refer to the requirements established
by their state education agencies.

Fully Offered At:
• Kent Campus
• Online

Technology Requirements
Appropriate technology and computer literacy skills are essential
for each LIS course. In order to be successful in the program, all
incoming students must meet the School of Library and Information
Science computer competencies as well as its minimum computer
hardware, software and internet access requirements before the first day
of class. For details, students should consult the School's website.

Accreditation
American Library Association

Admission Requirements

English Language Proficiency Requirements for International
Students: All international students must provide proof of English
language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a
minimum 587 TOEFL score (94 on the Internet-based version), minimum
82 MELAB score, minimum 7.0 IELTS score or minimum 65 PTE Academic
score. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of

Additional requirements include a statement of exception (addressing
circumstances and readiness for graduate education) and GRE scores
if total GPA is below 3.0 in highest completed degree. In calculating
the total GPA, all grades from all courses taken at relevant level
(baccalaureate or master's) from all institutions are required.

Prospective students should complete the application process no
later than September 15 for spring admission, January 15 for summer
admission and March 15 for fall admission. For further details on
admission procedures and deadlines, prospective students should
consult the school's web site.

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the
Graduate Studies website.

Program Learning Outcomes
Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Apply the field's foundational theories, principles, values, ethics and
   skills to everyday practice.
2. Critique and synthesize research and identify appropriate research
   methodologies to solve problems in the field.
3. Analyze and engage in the changing cultural, educational and social
   roles and responsibilities of librarians/information professionals and
   the environments they work in within the global society.
4. Evaluate systems and technologies relevant to a particular
   information context.
5. Identify needs and connect individuals and communities with
   information that engages and empowers them.

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Additional Requirements or Optional Concentration

Additional Major Requirements for M.L.I.S. Students Not Declared in the K-12 School Library Media optional concentration or K-12 School Library Media Licensure Optional concentration

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 24-27

Additional Major Requirements for Students Not Declared in the Optional K-12 School Library Media concentration

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Major Requirements

Choose from the following: 3-6

LIS 60092  MASTER'S INTERNSHIP IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE
LIS 60098  MASTER'S PROJECT IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE
LIS 60198  MASTER'S PAPER IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE
LIS 60199  THESIS I

Electives, All elective LIS graduate courses, as well as maximum 6 credit hours of IAKM courses, apply toward electives.  21

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 24-27

K-12 School Library Media Licensure concentration Requirements

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Concentration Requirements

LIS 60607  SCHOOL LIBRARY MANAGEMENT  3
LIS 60618  INFORMATION LITERACY INITIATIVES AND INSTRUCTION  3
LIS 60624  CATALOGING FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIES  3
LIS 60630  REFERENCE SOURCES AND SERVICES FOR YOUTH  3
LIS 60792  CULMINATING EXPERIENCE PRACTICUM IN K-12 LIBRARIES  3

Electives, choose from the following:  9

ITEC 57400  SELECTION AND UTILIZATION OF EDUCATIONAL MEDIA
ITEC 57427  TECHNOLOGY AND LEARNING
ITEC 67420  RESEARCHING CURRENT ISSUES IN INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY
ITEC 67425  MANAGING TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE
ITEC 67438  INSTRUCTIONAL APPLICATIONS OF THE INTERNET
LIS 60626  LIBRARY MATERIALS AND SERVICES TO TEENS
LIS 60629  LIBRARY MATERIALS AND SERVICES FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN
LIS 60675  YOUTH LITERATURE IN THE DIGITAL REALM

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 24

Dual Degrees Option

Students can concurrently pursue the Master of Library and Information Science and the Master of Business Administration or the Master of Education in K-12 School Library Media Licensure. Each program makes an independent admission decision. For further information about Business Administration or K-12 School Library Media, see the specific program section in this catalog.