LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE - M.L.I.S.

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Description
The Master of Library and Information Science degree prepares students for professional positions in public, academic special and school libraries; archives; museums; and other types of information agencies, organizations and companies. 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. An accredited M.L.I.S. degree is the basic requirement for professional employment in most libraries and information centers.

The Library and Information Science major includes the following optional concentration:

• The School Library Media concentration provides the opportunity for students to apply for multi-age licensure in school library media. The curriculum includes educational technology courses within the College of Education, Health and Human Services.

In addition, students can concurrently pursue a dual degree option with either the Master of Business Administration degree or the Master of Education degree (Educational Technology major, School Library Media concentration). Each program makes an independent admission decision. For further information about dual degree program, see the specific program section in this catalog.

Fully Offered At:
• Online
• Kent Campus

Accreditation
American Library Association

Admission Requirements

• Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university for unconditional admission
• Minimum 3.000 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000 point scale for unconditional admission
• Official transcript(s)
• GRE scores if total GPA is below 3.0 in highest completed degree
• Résumé or curriculum vita
• Goal statement
• Exception statement (addressing circumstances and readiness for graduate education
• Writing sample

• Three letters of recommendation
• English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
  • Minimum 587 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
  • Minimum 94 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
  • Minimum 82 MELAB score
  • Minimum 7.0 IELTS score
  • Minimum 65 PTE score

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies admission website. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education’s admission website.

1 In calculating the total GPA, all grades from all courses taken at relevant level (baccalaureate or master’s) from all institutions are required.

2 Effective for spring 2019, a goal statement and writing sample will no longer be required and will be replaced by the following:
  • Student Profile Form
  • Application Essay

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.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

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Major Electives, choose from the following:

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ETEC 67425  MANAGING TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE
LIS 60675  YOUTH LITERATURE IN THE DIGITAL REALM

Additional Requirements or Optional Concentration

Choose from the following: 15

Additional Requirements for Students Not Declaring a Concentration

School Library Media Concentration

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 37

1  Students pursing the School Library Media concentration should take LIS 60624 and LIS 60607.
2  Students not pursing the School Library Media concentrations should see their advisor for LIS course options.
3  Taken by students pursing the School Library Media concentration.

Additional Requirements for Students Not Declaring a Concentration

[MLIS-LIS]

Code  Title  Credit Hours

Major Requirements

Additional Major Electives, choose from the following: 15

Health Informatics (HI) Elective Courses 1
Knowledge Management (KM) Elective Courses 1
Library and Information Science (LIS) Elective Courses
User Experience Design (UXD) Elective Courses 1

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 15

1  A maximum 6 credit hours total of Health Informatics (HI), Knowledge Management (KM) and User Experience Design (UXD) courses may be applied toward major electives.

School Library Media Concentration Requirements

[MLIS-LIS-SLM]

Code  Title  Credit Hours

Concentration Requirements

LIS 60618  INFORMATION LITERACY INITIATIVES AND INSTRUCTION 3
LIS 60626  LIBRARY MATERIALS AND SERVICES TO TEENS 3
LIS 60629  LIBRARY MATERIALS AND SERVICES FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN 3
LIS 60630  REFERENCE SOURCES AND SERVICES FOR YOUTH 3
LIS 60792  CULMINATING EXPERIENCE PRACTICUM IN K-12 LIBRARIES 3

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 15

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 Information 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.

Licensure Information

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 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.

Dual Degree with M.B.A. degree in Business Administration

Students have the opportunity to complete a dual degree program with the M.B.A. degree in Business Administration and the M.L.I.S. degree in Library and Information Science. A separate application must be submitted for each program. Students can view admission requirements for each program on their respective catalog page.

At 61 credit hours for the dual degree, students receive an M.L.I.S.-M.B.A. dual-degree. The curriculum includes 24 credit hours of M.B.A. coursework, 25 credit hours of Library and Information Science courses and 12 credit hours from either business or library and Information science.

Dual Degree Requirements

[MBA-BAD-DMIB]  [MLIS-LIS-DMIB]

Code  Title  Credit Hours

Major Requirements

ACCT 63037  FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING FOR DECISION MAKING 2
ACCT 63038  MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTING FOR DECISION MAKING 2
ECON 62021  GLOBAL CONDITIONS AND MACROECONOMICS POLICY 2
ECON 62022  MANAGERIAL ECONOMICS 2
FIN 66050  LAW AND ETHICS 2
FIN 66060  MANAGERIAL FINANCE 2
LIS 60010  THE INFORMATION LANDSCAPE 3
LIS 60020  INFORMATION ORGANIZATION 3
LIS 60030  PEOPLE IN THE INFORMATION ECOLOGY 3
LIS 60040  INFORMATION INSTITUTIONS AND PROFESSIONS 3
LIS 60050  RESEARCH AND ASSESSMENT IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE 3
LIS 60092  MASTER’S INTERNSHIP IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE 3
LIS 60280  MASTER’S PORTFOLIO IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE 1
MIS 64041  OPERATIONS, SERVICE AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT 2
MIS 64158  LEADERSHIP AND MANAGERIAL ASSESSMENT 2
MIS 64185  BUSINESS STRATEGY 3
MKTG 65051  MARKETING MANAGEMENT 2
Business Elective, Any business graduate course in accordance to student’s career goals may count as an elective. Recommended: ECON 62015

Business or Library and Information Science Elective, Minimum 3 credit hours must be from Library Science (LIS), choose from the following:

LIS 60641 INFORMATION STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL SYSTEMS
LIS 60645 DATABASE SYSTEMS
LIS 60647 NETWORK AND SOFTWARE RESOURCES FOR INFORMATION SYSTEMS
LIS 61095 SELECTED TOPICS IN LIBRARY SCIENCE
MIS 64005 ANALYTICS FOR DECISION MAKING
MIS 64042 GLOBALIZATION AND TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY
MIS 64271 HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Library and Information Science Electives, Any Library Science (LIS) graduate course in accord to student’s career goals may count as an elective

Recommended, choose from the following: 6-9

LIS 60608 THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
LIS 60609 MARKETING THE LIBRARY
LIS 60615 THE ACADEMIC LIBRARY
LIS 60616 THE SPECIAL LIBRARY
LIS 60623 BUSINESS/FINANCE INFORMATION SOURCES AND SERVICES
LIS 60643 ONLINE INFORMATION SYSTEMS
LIS 60652 FOUNDATIONS OF RECORDKEEPING IN SOCIETY
LIS 60700 FOUNDATIONS OF MUSEUM STUDIES
LIS 61095 SELECTED TOPICS IN LIBRARY SCIENCE

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 61

Dual Degree with M.Ed. degree in Educational Technology

Student have the opportunity to complete a dual degree program with the M.Ed. degree in Educational Technology and the M.L.I.S. degree in Library and Information Science. A separate application must be submitted for each program. Students can view admission requirements for each program on their respective catalog page.

The M.Ed./M.L.I.S. dual degree program leads to a multi-age initial licensure in school library media. This program prepares students to work in all types of libraries, including school libraries. The program of study includes professional educational requirements, along with library science and educational technology courses.

Dual Degree Requirements

[MED-EDTN-DDSL] [MLIS-LIS-DDSL]

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LIS 60870 CULMINATING EXPERIENCE FOR DUAL DEGREE 6

Dual Degree Electives, choose from the following: 9

ETEC 57400 TRENDS IN EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY
ETEC 57403 INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN
ETEC 67411 DESIGNING VISUALS FOR INSTRUCTION
ETEC 67420 RESEARCH ISSUES IN EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY
ETEC 67425 MANAGING TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE
ETEC 67426 MANAGING SCHOOL TECHNOLOGIES
ETEC 67445 DESIGNING INSTRUCTIONAL AND PERFORMANCE SOLUTIONS
LIS 60675 YOUTH LITERATURE IN THE DIGITAL REALM

Additional Library and Information Science (LIS) courses are accepted

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 57

Graduation Requirements

- Students in M.Ed. degree have six years from the term of first enrollment to complete the degree.
- Students are responsible for completing licensure paperwork requirements through the College of Education, Health and Human Services near the end of or at the conclusion of their M.L.I.S. degree program. Exam administered by the Evaluation Systems Group of Pearson is required for licensure.

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