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.

Students can concurrently pursue a dual degree option with the Master of Business Administration degree. Each program makes an independent admission decision. For further information about the dual degree program, see the specific program section in this catalog.

Fully Offered At:
• Online

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
• Student Profile Form
• Exception statement (addressing circumstances and readiness for graduate education
• Application Essay
• 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

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.

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
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Major Electives, choose from the following:

- 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: 37

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.

Technology Requirements
Appropriate technology and computer literacy skills are essential for each School of Information 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.

**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.

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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 DESIGN AND APPLICATIONS
- LIS 60647 NETWORK AND SOFTWARE RESOURCES FOR INFORMATION SYSTEMS
- LIS 61095 SELECTED TOPICS IN LIBRARY SCIENCE

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