

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

College of Communication and Information
School of Information
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Examples of Possible Careers*

Database administrators and architects

- 9.7% much faster than the average
- 132,500 number of jobs
- \$98,860 potential earnings

Curators

- 12.6% much faster than the average
- 14,500 number of jobs
- \$56,990 potential earnings

Archivists

- 7.9% faster than the average
- 8,100 number of jobs
- \$56,760 potential earnings

Librarians and media collections specialists

- 5.0% faster than the average
- 146,500 number of jobs
- \$60,820 potential earnings

Contact Information

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Fully Offered

- **Delivery:**
 - Fully online

Admission Terms

- Fall
- Spring
- Summer

*Note

Source of occupation titles and labor data is from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics'

Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

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 program 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.

The Library and Information Science major includes the following optional concentration

- The **Medical Librarianship** optional concentration prepares students to work in medical and health sciences libraries; in the community; and as part of a health system, hospital, clinician office, academic center, government research agency or medical specialty organization. Students in the concentration intern at a medical library, which will allow them to apply their skills and knowledge, as well as to observe the typical daily activities and requirements of medical librarians.

Accreditation

American Library Association

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Minimum 2.750 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000 point scale
 - Applicants who do not meet the minimum 3.000 GPA requirement must submit a statement that addresses the circumstances that contributed to the GPA and preparation for success in graduate study. Applicants should include recent professional achievements that indicate an ability to perform at a higher academic level to be considered for conditional admission to the program.
- Official transcript(s)
- GRE scores if total GPA is below 3.0 in highest completed degree¹ (effective spring 2023 admissions, the GRE will no longer be required)
- 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
 - Minimum 7.0 IELTS score
 - Minimum 65 PTE score
 - Minimum 120 Duolingo English Test 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.

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.

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.

Professional Licensure Disclosure

This program is designed to prepare students to sit for applicable licensure or certification in Ohio. If you plan to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than Ohio, please review state educational requirements for licensure or certification and contact information for state licensing boards at Kent State's website for professional licensure disclosure.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements		
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 60280	MASTER'S PORTFOLIO IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE	1
Major Electives, choose from the following:		12
Any Health Informatics (HI) Course		
Any Knowledge Management (KM) Course		
Any Library and Information Science (LIS) Course		
Any User Experience Design (UXD) Course		
Additional Requirements or Concentration		
Choose from the following:		12

Additional Requirements for Students Not Declaring a Concentration

Medical Librarianship Concentration

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 37

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Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements		
Major Electives, choose from the following:		12
Any Health Informatics (HI) Course		
Any Knowledge Management (KM) Course		
Any Library and Information Science (LIS) Course		
Any User Experience Design (UXD) Course		
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		12

Medical Librarianship Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements		
HI 60419	CONSUMER HEALTH INFORMATICS	3
LIS 60620	HEALTH INFORMATION RESOURCES	3
LIS 60671	INTRODUCTION TO CATALOGING PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES IN MEDICAL LIBRARIES	1
LIS 60672	REFERENCE SOURCES AND SERVICES IN MEDICAL LIBRARIES	1
LIS 60673	MEDICAL LIBRARY MANAGEMENT AND CULTURE	1
LIS 60692	INTERNSHIP IN INFORMATION AND CULTURAL HERITAGE INSTITUTIONS	3
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		12

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

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements		
ACCT 63037	FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING FOR DECISION MAKING	2
ACCT 63038	MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTING FOR DECISION MAKING	2
ECON 62021	MACROECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT OF BUSINESS	2
ECON 62022	MANAGERIAL ECONOMICS	2

FIN 66050	LAW AND ETHICS	2
FIN 66060	MANAGERIAL FINANCE	2
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 60280	MASTER'S PORTFOLIO IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE	1
LIS 60401	LEADERSHIP IN LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS	3
LIS 60692	INTERNSHIP IN INFORMATION AND CULTURAL HERITAGE INSTITUTIONS	3
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		3
Library and Information Science Electives, Any Library Science (LIS) graduate course in accord to student's career goals may count as an elective. ¹		6
Business or Library and Information Science Elective, Minimum 3 credit hours must be from Library Science (LIS), choose from the following:		12
LIS 50645	DATABASE FUNDAMENTALS FOR INFORMATION PROFESSIONALS	
LIS 60652	FOUNDATIONS OF RECORDKEEPING IN SOCIETY	
LIS 61095	SELECTED TOPICS IN INFORMATION STUDIES	
MIS 64005	ANALYTICS FOR DECISION MAKING	
MIS 64042	GLOBALIZATION AND TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY	
MIS 64271	HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		61

¹ Students interested in working in a corporate or nonprofit environment will find topics such as recordkeeping, records management, information policy, knowledge management, library management, and database fundamentals to be important in their future work. In consultation with academic advisors, select 6 credit hours of coursework from these areas of interest.