INFORMATION SCIENCES

Master of Science in Library and Information Science - Online

The M.S. in L.I.S. is accredited by the American Library Association (ALA). Two scheduling options are available to students pursuing the M.S. degree. The on-campus option serves students who are in residence at Urbana-Champaign, as well as part-time, commuting students. The online scheduling option is an online education option that uses the Internet and other information technologies for delivery. A thesis is not required but is available as an option. Students prepare for careers in all types of information organizations. Examples of the professional positions graduates hold include: Internet trainer, webmaster, and knowledge manager, as well as work in reference, automated systems, cataloging, youth services, school media, and other positions in public, academic, school, and special libraries.

The M.S. and C.A.S. online requirements are the same as the on campus requirements.

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Other Requirements

Other requirements may overlap

Minimum Hours Required Within the Unit: 28
Minimum 500-level Hours Required Overall: 12

The credit-no credit option can only be applied to courses taken outside the library and information science curriculum and courses taken with this option can’t be applied to the degree.

Minimum GPA: 2.75

For additional details and requirements refer to the unit’s Graduate Programs of Study (http://www.lis.illinois.edu/programs) and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).

Non-Thesis Option

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