MASTER OF SCIENCE IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

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 LEEP scheduling option is an online education option that combines brief periods of on-campus instruction with instruction using the Internet and other information technologies for delivery. The LEEP option only begins in the summer or spring semester, starting with a seven-day campus orientation. During this seven-day stay, students take one of the required core courses, LIS 502: Libraries, Information, and Society. Students work closely with their adviser to plan an appropriate course of study. 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.

Thesis Option

LIS 501 & LIS 502 8
Info Org and Access and Libraries Info and Society

Research/Project/Independent Study Hours (4 max applied toward degree) 4

LIS 599 Thesis Research 8

Total Hours 40

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

1 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

LIS 501 & LIS 502 8
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Research/Project/Independent Study Hours (4 max applied toward degree) 4

Total Hours 40