INFORMATION SCIENCES

Doctor of Philosophy in Library and Information Science

The Ph.D. program consists of the following components:

1. a history and foundation of LIS seminar (4 graduate hours);
2. research methods (8 or more graduate hours);
3. electives (36 graduate hours);
4. field exam; and
5. thesis (32 or more graduate hours).

Thus, a minimum of 48 graduate hours of coursework plus 32 graduate hours of thesis credit are required.

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Other Requirements ¹

Other requirements may overlap

Minimum Hours Required Within the Unit: 20 hours of electives

A minimum of two years in residence is required to complete the necessary coursework; an additional year or more, preferably in residence, is required for the thesis.

Qualifying Exam Required: Yes
Preliminary Exam Required: Yes
Final Exam/Dissertation Defense Required: Yes
Dissertation Deposit Required: Yes
Minimum GPA: 3.25

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).

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