AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (ALA) ACCREDITED
MASTER OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES
DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
(effective Fall 2013)

Required Courses, 18 hours; six courses:

LIS 5033 Information and Knowledge Society
LIS 5023 Management of Information and Knowledge Organizations (pre/corequisite 5033)
LIS 5043 Organization of Information and Knowledge Resources (pre/corequisite 5033)
LIS 5053 Information Users in the Knowledge Society (pre/corequisite 5033)
LIS 5063 Information and Communication Technology (pre/corequisite 5033)
LIS 5713 Research Methods OR LIS 5733 Evaluation Methods (pre/corequisite 5033)

Electives, 18 hours; six additional courses selected from the following courses, or from appropriate courses in other units under adviser’s guidance (thesis students may count a maximum of 6 hours of thesis credit toward the degree):

Management of Libraries and Information Centers

LIS 5223 Information Technology Management (prerequisites: LIS 5033, LIS 5023, LIS 5063)
LIS 5243 Academic Library Administration (prerequisites: LIS 5033, LIS 5023)
LIS 5253 Community Relations and Advocacy (prerequisites: LIS 5033, LIS 5023)
LIS 5263 Organizational Learning and Learning Organizations (prerequisites: LIS 5033, LIS 5023)
LIS 5273 Public Library Administration (prerequisites: LIS 5033, LIS 5023)
LIS 5283 School Library Center Administration (prerequisites: LIS 5033, LIS 5023)
LIS 5293 Special Library and Information Center Administration (prerequisites: LIS 5033, LIS 5023)

Organization of Information

LIS 5403 Cataloging and Classification (prerequisites: LIS 5033, LIS 5043)
LIS 5413 Indexing and Abstracting (prerequisites: LIS 5033, LIS 5043)
LIS 5443 Collection Development and Management (prerequisites: LIS 5033, LIS 5043)
LIS 5453 Digital Collections (prerequisites: LIS 5033, LIS 5043, LIS 5063)
LIS 5473 Document and Records Management (prerequisites: LIS 5033, LIS 5043)

Archival Studies

LIS 5343 Archival Concepts and Traditions (prerequisite: LIS 5033)
LIS 5463 Archival Representation and Use (prerequisite: LIS 5033, LIS 5043, LIS 5343)
LIS 5563 Archival Appraisal (prerequisites: LIS 5033, LIS 5053, LIS 5343)
LIS 5653 Preservation of Information Materials (prerequisites: LIS 5033)
LIS 5990 Archival Arrangement and Description (prerequisite: LIS 5033, LIS 5043, LIS 5343)
User Services

LIS 5123 Literature and Methods for Readers’ Advisory Services (prerequisites: LIS 5033, LIS 5053)
LIS 5133 Biomedical Bibliography and Reference Materials (prerequisite: LIS 5033)
LIS 5143 Government Information (prerequisite: LIS 5033)
LIS 5163 Biomedical Databases (prerequisite: LIS 5133)
LIS 5173 Multicultural Librarianship (prerequisite: LIS 5033)
LIS 5183 Books and Materials for Children (prerequisite: LIS 5033)
LIS 5193 Books and Materials for Young Adults (prerequisite: LIS 5033)
LIS 5503 Information Literacy and Instruction (prerequisites: LIS 5033, LIS 5053)
LIS 5513 Information Sources and Services (prerequisites: LIS 5033, LIS 5053)
LIS 5523 Online Information Retrieval (prerequisites: LIS 5033, LIS 5053)
LIS 5533 Introduction to Instructional Technology (cross-listed with EIPT 5533)
LIS 5553 Competitive Intelligence (prerequisites: LIS 5033, LIS 5053)

Information Technology

LIS 5633 Design and Implementation of Web-based Information Services (prerequisite: LIS 5033)
LIS 5683 Database Design for Information Organizations (prerequisite: LIS 5033)

Independent Projects in Library and Information Studies

LIS 5823 Internship in Library/Information Centers (prerequisite: 18 hours of LIS coursework, including one-half of the required courses, permission of the supervising instructor)
LIS 5920 Directed Research (1-3 hours) (prerequisite: LIS 5713)
LIS 5940 Directed Project (1-3 hours) (prerequisite: 24 hours of LIS coursework and permission of instructor and adviser)
LIS 5960 Directed Readings (1-3 hours) (prerequisite: 15 hours of LIS coursework and permission of instructor and adviser)
LIS 5970 Special Topics/Seminar (1-3 hours)
LIS 5980 Research for Master’s Thesis (2-6 hours)
LIS 5990 Special Problems (1-3 hours)

End of Program Assessment Options: in addition to course requirements, the Graduate College requires all candidates for an advanced degree to complete an end of program assessment. For the MLIS, the School offers three options:

1. Comprehensive examination
2. Thesis
3. Portfolio