

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INFORMATION
STUDIES COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA**

For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education:
Summer 2015 through Spring 2016

Minimum Credit Hours and Grade Point Averages Required			
Total Hours —	144	Upper-Division Within Total	48
Major Hours —	39	Upper-Division Within Major	27
Grade Point Averages:			
Overall & Major: Combined OU/Transfer - 3.20 OU - 3.20			
48 Upper-Division Hours REQUIRED			

Information Studies
A560
Bachelor of Arts in Information Studies / Master of Library and Information Studies
F651

OU encourages students to complete at least 30 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in four years.

GENERAL EDUCATION AND COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS Courses graded P/NP will not apply.	Some courses required for the major may also fulfill University General Education and/or College of Arts & Sciences Requirements	
<p>Courses for fulfillment of General Education and College of Arts & Sciences requirements must be from the approved General Education course list published in the Class Schedule or at http://www.ou.edu/enrollment/home/</p> <p style="text-align: center;">University-Wide General Education (minimum 40 hours) and College of Arts and Sciences Requirements</p> <p>Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication (9-22 hours, 3-6 courses)</p> <p>a. English Composition (6 hours, 2 courses)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> English 1113, Principles of English Composition English 1213, Principles of English Composition, or EXPO 1213, Expository Writing <p>b. Foreign Language (0-13 hours in the same language) The College of Arts and Sciences requirement <i>cannot be met by high school coursework</i>.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning Course (0-5 hours) _____ Beginning Course, continued (0-5 hours) _____ Intermediate Course (2000 level, 0-3 hours). _____ One course at the intermediate level or demonstrated competency at that level. <p>c. Mathematics (3 hours, 1 course). _____</p> <p>Core Area II: Natural Science (7 hours, 2 courses) including one laboratory component.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Biological Science _____ Chosen from the following approved General Education designators: BIOL, HES, MBIO, or PBIO. 2. Physical Science _____ Chosen from the following approved General Education designators: AGSC, ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR, or PHYS. <p>Core Area III: Social Science (6 hours, 2 courses)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Political Science 1113, American Federal Government _____ <p>Core Area IV: Humanities (18 hours, 6 courses)</p> <p>a. Understanding Artistic Forms (3 hours, 1 course) _____</p> <p>b. Western Civilization and Culture (6 hours, 2 courses)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> History 1483, U.S., 1492-1865, or History 1493, U.S., 1865-Present, _____ (excluding HIST 1483 and 1493) <p>c. Non-Western Culture (3 hours, 1 course): _____</p> <p>d. Additional Core IV Humanities courses (6 upper-division hours, 2 courses at the 3000- 4000-level). Must be outside the major and selected from Understanding Artistic Forms, Western Civilization and Culture, or Non-Western Culture.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. _____ 2. _____ <p>Core Area V: Senior Capstone Experience (3 hours, 1 course): _____</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> College of Arts and Sciences Requirements: College requirements are not automatically fulfilled by a previous degree. 	MAJOR REQUIREMENTS	MLIS COMPONENT---36 Hours
	A grade of C or better is required in each major course. Information Studies category courses must be completed within a maximum of two attempts per course.	
	<p>Information Studies – 18 hours (LIS)</p> <p>2003 Intro. to Information Studies 3</p> <p>4063/5063 Info & Comm. Tech (shared) 3</p> <p>4223/5223 Info Tech Mgt (shared) 3</p> <p>4633/5633 Design & Implementation of Web-based Info Services (shared) 3</p> <p>4663 Information Studies Capstone 3</p> <p>4823 Internship in Information Studies 3</p> <p>Information and Enterprise – 3 hours <i>Select one course from approved listings available from Library & Information Studies</i></p> <p>_____ 3</p> <p>Interpersonal Communication–3 hours <i>Select one course from approved listings available from Library & Information Studies</i></p> <p>_____ 3</p> <p>Organizational Communication–3 hours <i>Select one course from approved listings available from Library & Information Studies</i></p> <p>_____ 3</p> <p>Leadership – 3 hours <i>Select one course from approved listings available from Library & Information Studies</i></p> <p>_____ 3</p> <p>Information in Society – 3 hours <i>Select one course from approved listings available from Library & Information Studies</i></p> <p>_____ 3</p> <p>Information Technology – 3 hours <i>Select one course from approved listings available from Library & Information Studies</i></p> <p>_____ 3</p> <p>Technical Writing – 3 hours <i>Select one course from approved listing available from Library & Information Studies</i></p> <p>_____ 3</p>	<p>MLIS CORE—18 Hours (3 shared)</p> <p>LIS 5023 Mgt of Information & Knowledge Orgs</p> <p>LIS 5033 Information and Knowledge Society</p> <p>LIS 5043 Organization of Info & Knowledge Resources</p> <p>LIS 5053 Info Users in the Knowledge Society</p> <p>LIS 5063 Info & Comm Tech. (shared)</p> <p>LIS 5713 Res. Methods OR LIS 5733 Eval. Methods</p> <p>MLIS GRADUATE ELECTIVES -18 Hours (9 shared)</p> <p>LIS 5223 Info Tech Mgt (shared)</p> <p>LIS 5633 Design & Impl. Web-based Info Svcs. (shared)</p> <p><i>Plus one of the following, may be shared:</i></p> <p>LIS 5143 Govt Publications (shared)</p> <p>LIS 5453 Digital Collections (shared)</p> <p>LIS 5473 Documents & Records Mgt(shared)</p> <p>LIS 5523 Online Info Retrieval (shared)</p> <p>LIS 5553 Competitive Intelligence (shared)</p> <p>LIS 5683 Database Design for Info Orgs (shared)</p> <p>Plus 9 Hours from the list below:</p> <p>LIS 5123 Lit & Methods Readers' Advisory Svcs</p> <p>LIS 5133 Biomedical Bibliography & Ref Materials</p> <p>LIS 5163 Biomedical Databases</p> <p>LIS 5173 Multicultural Librarianship</p> <p>LIS 5183 Books & Materials for Children</p> <p>LIS 5193 Books & Materials for Young Adults</p> <p>LIS 5253 Community Relations & Advocacy</p> <p>LIS 5283 School Library Center Administration</p> <p>LIS 5343 Archival Concepts & Traditions</p> <p>LIS 5403 Cataloging & Classification</p> <p>LIS 5413 Indexing & Abstracting</p> <p>LIS 5443 Collection Development & Management</p> <p>LIS 5463 Archival Representation & Use</p> <p>LIS 5503 Information Literacy & Instruction</p> <p>LIS 5513 Information Sources & Services</p> <p>LIS 5533 Introduction to Instructional Technology</p> <p>LIS 5563 Archival Appraisal</p> <p>LIS 5653 Preservation of Information Materials</p> <p>LIS 5823 Internship in Library/Information Centers</p> <p>LIS 5920 Directed Research (1-3 hours)</p> <p>LIS 5940 Directed Project (1-3 hours)</p> <p>LIS 5960 Directed Readings (1-3 hours)</p> <p>LIS 5970 Special Topics/Seminar (1-3 hours)</p> <p>LIS 5980 Research for Master's Thesis (2-6 hours)</p> <p>LIS 5990 Special Problems (1-3 hours)</p>
	MAJOR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS	
	<p>Economics – 6 hours (ECON)</p> <p>1113 Principles of Economics–Macro 3</p> <p>1123 Principles of Economics–Micro 3</p> <p>Mathematics – 3 hours (MATH)</p> <p>1743 Calculus for Business, Life & Social Sci. 3</p> <p>Public Speaking – 3 hours</p> <p>COMM 2613 Public Speaking 3</p> <p>Statistics – 3 hours</p> <p>COMM 2513 Intro. to Statistics</p> <p>ECON 2843 Elements of Statistics</p> <p>MATH 4753 Applied Stat. Methods</p> <p>PSC/SOC 3123 Social Statistics</p> <p>PSY 2003 Understanding Statistics</p> <p>PSY 2113 Research Methods I: Stats</p> <p>_____ 3</p>	<p>End of Program Assessment Options</p> <p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehensive examination Thesis Portfolio
		Free Electives
		Electives to bring total applicable hours to 144 including 48 upper-division hours.

INFORMATION CONCERNING GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS AND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

TOTAL HOURS: A minimum of 144 semester hours acceptable toward graduation must be completed.

UPPER-DIVISION HOURS: A minimum of 48 upper-division semester hours acceptable toward graduation must be completed. OU courses numbered 3000 or above are upper-division. Transfer work is counted as lower-division or upper-division credit depending on the level at which it was offered at the institution where it was earned. Two-year college work is accepted only as lower-division credit.

ARTS AND SCIENCES HOURS: At least 80 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BA degree. At least 55 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BS degree.

MAJOR WORK: A minimum of 39 semester hours must be earned in the major, including a minimum of 15 credit hours at the upper-division level.

PASS/NO PASS ENROLLMENT: A maximum of 16 semester hours of free elective credit may be attempted under this option.

INDIVIDUAL STUDIES (e.g., courses titled "Independent Study"): A maximum of 12 total semester hours may be counted toward graduation, excluding Honors Reading and Honors Research.

P.E. COURSES: No physical education activity courses will be counted toward the 120 semester hours of acceptable credit for graduation.

SENIOR INSTITUTION HOURS: A minimum of 60 semester hours applied toward graduation must be earned at senior (4-y ear) institutions.

RESIDENCY:

- At least 15 of the final 30 hours applied toward the degree or at least 50 percent of the hours required by the institution in the major field must be satisfactorily completed at the awarding institution.
- At least 15 semester hours of upper-division major work must be completed in residence at OU.
- OU correspondence courses are *not* considered resident credit.
- Credits earned via examination are neither resident nor nonresident credit.

GRADE POINT AVERAGES: Students must earn a minimum overall 3.20 for each of the following: Combined Retention GPA (all college grades), OU Retention GPA, GPA for all major courses, and GPA for all major courses taken at OU. Some schools and departments of the College have higher minimum grade point averages required for their students.

SPECIAL DEGREES: Students may qualify for an Honors degree (cum Laude, Magna cum Laude, or Summa cum Laude) by completing specific requirements of the Honors College. A degree will be earned with Distinction if the student completes at least 60 semester hours at OU with at least a 3.60 combined retention GPA and OU retention GPA. A degree will be earned with Special Distinction if the student completes at least 60 semester hours at OU with at least a 3.90 combined retention GPA and OU retention GPA.

APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION: Students must apply for graduation during the term in which they complete their degree requirements in order to graduate in that term. The graduation application is available on line on your Ozone site. Deadlines for the OU Graduation Application are: **March 1** for Spring certification and the University of Oklahoma Commencement book; **July 1** for Summer graduation certification; and **October 1** for Fall graduation certification.

Suggested Semester Plan of Study

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This plan shows one possible grouping of courses that would allow students to graduate in five years. Please refer to the front of the degree checksheet for official requirements. Students must consult with College of Arts and Sciences and/or School of Library and Information Studies academic advisers to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy university, College of Arts and Sciences, and Information Studies major requirements.

Year	First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
Freshman	ENGL 1113, Principles of English Composition (Core I)	3	COMM 2613, Public Speaking	3
	MATH 1743, Calculus I Business, Life & Social Sciences (Core I)	3	ENGL 1213, Principles English Composition (Core I) or EXPO 1213, Expository Writing (Core I)	3
	PSC 1113, American Federal Government (Core III)	3	HIST 1483, United States 1492-1865, or HIST 1493, United States 1865-Present (Core IV)	3
	Beginning Foreign Language (Core I)	5	Beginning Foreign Language (Core I)	5
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	14	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	14
Sophomore	Interpersonal Communication Requirement‡	3	ECON 1123, Principles of Economics – Micro	3
	ECON 1113, Principles of Economics – Macro	3	Statistics Course: COMM 2513 or ECON 2843 or MATH 4753 or PSY/SOC 3123 or PSY 2003 or PSY 2113	3
	LIS 2003, Introduction to Information Studies	3	Natural Science without lab (Core II)	3
	Intermediate Foreign Language	3	Non-Western Culture (Core IV)	3
	Natural Science with lab (Core II)	4	Organizational Communication Requirement (1 of 6 options to share with MLIS elective) ‡	3
		Free Elective, lower-division	1	
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16
Junior	LIS 4223/5223, Info Tech Mgt (shared with MLIS elective)	3	Technical Writing Requirement	3
	LIS 4063/5063, Info & Comm Tech (shared with MLIS core)	3	LIS 4633/5633, Design & Implementation Web-based Info Services (shared with MLIS elective)	3
	Information and Enterprise Requirement‡	3	Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
	Western Civilization & Culture (Core IV)	3	Understanding Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Information Technology Requirement (1 of 6 options to share with MLIS elective)‡	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15
Senior	LIS 4663, In formation Studies Capstone (Capstone)	3	LIS 4823 Internship in Information Studies	3
	Leadership Requirement‡	3	Information in Society Requirement (1 of 6 options to share with MLIS elective)‡	3
	Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15
5 th Year	LIS 5033, Information and Knowledge Society	3	LIS 5713, Research Methods OR LIS 5733 Evaluation Methods	3
	LIS 5023, Mgt Information and Knowledge Organizations	3	LIS 5053, Information Users in the Knowledge Society	3
	LIS 5043, Organization Information and Knowledge Resources	3	MLIS Graduate Level Elective	3
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	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	12	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	12

A grade of C or better is required in each major course.

‡ The School of Library and Information Studies requires a minimum of 27 upper-division hours within the major; therefore, some of the approved major courses must be chosen at the upper-division level to ensure this requirement is met.

Bachelor's degrees require a minimum of 48 hours of upper-division (3000-4000) coursework.

This plan of study should not be used in lieu of academic advisement.

Students who transfer from other institutions (particularly community colleges) must verify credit hour and course requirements with their college academic counselor, ELLH 124, 325-4411, <http://ou.edu/cas>.

Please make an appointment for a degree check with your college academic counselor once you have earned 90 hours. Appointments may be scheduled at <https://iadvise.ou.edu/>.