



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
College of
Information Science

LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE

Master of Arts in Library & Information Science

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Library & Information Studies Ranking
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TRANSFORM YOUR FUTURE IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE.

Offered on campus and online, the University of Arizona Master of Arts in Library and Information Science (MLIS)—Arizona's only American Library Association-accredited master's program—has been preparing students for exceptional careers in libraries, museums and archives, as well as government and business, for more than 50 years.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- Creation, organization, management, access and use of knowledge and information
- Research methods in library and information science
- Provision and management of resources and interdisciplinary services in libraries and other information environments
- Administration of community collaboration and alliances in provision of library and information services

SPECIALTIES

- Academic Librarianship
- AI Across the Discipline
- Archives & Special Collections
- Cultural Heritage
- Digital Curation
- Law Librarianship & Legal Information
- Public Librarianship

CAREER POSSIBILITIES

MLIS graduates are ready to excel in a wide variety of rewarding positions, including:

- Archivist
- Copyright specialist
- Data or metadata analyst
- Digital curator or repository specialist
- Digital services manager
- Information architect
- Information officer
- Library manager
- Media specialist
- Public, school, academic, health science or legal librarian
- Research analyst

Ready to transform your future in library and information science?

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MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE

CURRICULUM

37 units are required for graduation. Seven specialties are available: Academic Librarianship, AI Across the Discipline, Archives and Special Collections, Cultural Heritage, Digital Curation, Law Librarianship and Legal Information, and Public Librarianship. View infosci.arizona.edu/mlis for recommended courses for each MLIS specialty.

CORE COURSES

LIS 504: Foundations of Library and Information Services	3 units
LIS 506: Research Methods for Library and Information Professionals	3 units
LIS 515: Organization of Information	3 units
TOTAL	9 units

DISTRIBUTED ELECTIVES

Choose one course from each of the following categories:

Cultural Perspective on Libraries & Information

LIS 550: Information Environments from Non-Dominant Perspectives	3 units
LIS 551: Global Librarianship	3 units
LIS 552: Cultural Heritage Collections: Object Itineraries, Curation and Management	3 units
LIS 557: Documenting Diverse Cultures and Communities	3 units
LIS 558: Social Justice in Information Services	3 units
Information Technology & Networked Digital Information	
LIS 528: Applied AI Literacies in Information Practice	3 units
LIS 570: Database Development and Management	3 units
LIS 571: Introduction to Information Technology	3 units
LIS 580: Data Standards for the Semantic Web	3 units
LIS 672: Introduction to Applied Technology	3 units
LIS 675: Advanced Digital Collections	3 units

Information Services & Evaluation

LIS 530: Cataloging and Metadata Management	3 units
LIS 532: Information Intermediation	3 units
LIS 535: Business Information	3 units
LIS 540: Introduction to Archives	3 units
LIS 560: Collection Management	3 units
LIS 572: Government Information: Policy and Resources	3 units
LIS 671: Digital Curation and Digital Preservation	3 units
Management of Information Services	
LIS 567: Leadership and the Information Organization	3 units
LIS 608: Managing the Information Organization	3 units
LIS 673: Managing the Digital Information Environment	3 units
LIS 681E: Law Library Practice and Administration	3 units
TOTAL	12 units

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE ELECTIVES

Library and Information Science electives may be selected from the current MLIS specialty areas. Take 2 courses from any LIS courses within those specialties. View infosci.arizona.edu/mlis/courses for course names, numbers and descriptions.

TOTAL 6 units

FREE ELECTIVES

Free electives are comprised of 6 units of any related coursework, and may include individual studies, transfer units or other courses.

TOTAL 6 units

CAPSTONE INTERNSHIP

The Capstone Internship is comprised of LIS 698: Capstone Internship. Prerequisites include completion of 18 units and completion of LIS 504, LIS 506 and LIS 515.

LIS 698: Capstone Exit Requirement	3 units
TOTAL	3 units

PORTFOLIO

LIS 909: ePortfolio (Electronic Portfolio)	1 unit
TOTAL	1 unit

DEGREE TOTAL 37 units

The MLIS curriculum is subject to change based on catalog year, transfer work, etc. The official degree requirements may be found in the University General Catalog and all University of Arizona students should refer to the Academic Advising Report for specific graduation requirements.