

The Master of Library Science Degree

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Hours: 30
Thesis: None

The basic professional curriculum leads to the Master of Library Science degree. The program prepares students for the expanding field of library science which includes a wide variety of professional library skills. These skills range from the development, organization, and administration of a multi-media collection to the use of computers in libraries and the retrieval of information via online systems and CD-ROM products.

A student entering the MLS degree program without prior course work in the field must complete six semester credit hours of basic courses in addition to the 30 hours required for the graduate degree. The student may take courses in the Preparatory Core concurrently with selected graduate courses.

All students accepted into this program must complete all requirements within six calendar years.

I. Preparatory Core (Required)

LIB	211	Information Needs and Services		
LIB			313	Cataloging and Classification

II. Graduate Course Specialization

Required:

LIB	500	Methods of Research (Library) — <i>and two of the following:</i>		
LIB			515	Building Multimedia Library Collections
LIB			526	Management of Automated Library Systems
LIB			555	Administration of the School Library Media Center
LIB			585	Seminar: Materials for Children and Young Adults
*LIB			510	Literature of the Humanities
*LIB			520	Literature of the Social Sciences
*LIB			530	Literature of the Sciences and Technology

*Two of these three courses are required.

Electives:

LIB			431	Oral Tradition in the Library
LIB			440	Selected Topics
LIB			471	Information Analysis and Retrieval
LIB			510	Literature of the Humanities
LIB			520	Literature of the Social Sciences
LIB/ITC			525	Microcomputers in Education
LIB			530	Literature of the Sciences and Technology
LIB			534	Government Publications
LIB			543	Public Library Services
LIB			545	Special Library Services
LIB			550	Books and Related Materials for Adults
ITC			553	Development of Projected Digital Instructional Resources
LIB			560	Mass Media and the Library
LIB			570	Independent Study
LIB			575	Seminar: Teaching Function of the School Library Media Center

III. Electives in Other Areas (3 - 6 hours)

Six semester hours of electives related to the individual student's interest and professional need may be taken in another graduate program of the University with the consent of the student's advisor.

For this program, the Graduate Studies admissions requirement of an acceptable score on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) may be satisfied by any one of the following:

- Acceptable score on the Graduate Record Examination.
- Passing score on the Praxis II examinations.
- Master's degree in a related area.
- Five years work experience in a related field.
- Five years classroom experience with demonstrated use of technology.