MA in Information Science and Learning Technologies with Emphasis in Library Science

About the Program
The School of Information Science & Learning Technologies (SISLT) is the only program in Missouri to offer the American Library Association accredited Master’s Degree, continuously accredited since 1966/67. Upon successful completion of the 39-hour program of study (42 hours for students admitted before Fall 2014), students receive a Master of Arts (MA) Degree in Information Science & Learning Technologies with an Emphasis in Library Science. The program curriculum reflects the foundations of the LIS field as well as the critical issues facing the profession. Courses are offered in online and hybrid formats and can be completed on the MU campus in Columbia, MO or at distributed locations in Missouri (Kansas City, Springfield, St. Louis) and Omaha, NE, or online. More detailed Program information is available at: http://lis.missouri.edu.

Portfolio or Comprehensive Examination Process
Master’s degree students in the Library Science program must complete the Comprehensive Examination or the electronic portfolio during the final semester of course work. Students admitted in Fall 2016 and later must complete the electronic portfolio.

The Comprehensive Examination consists of one question in each of four general areas: Issues, Management, Services, and Technology. Each question is created and evaluated by one of the full-time resident Library Science faculty. Eight weeks prior to the administration of the examination each semester, students are given an overview of the content of the questions, a list of suggested readings for each question and information on how the Comprehensive Examination will be administered. Students scheduled to take the exam are loaded into a Blackboard site where you can post questions and interact with the Comprehensive Examination Committee and your peers. Toward the latter half of the semester, the Comprehensive Examination questions are released on the Blackboard site. You have nine days to answer the four questions and submit the answers to the Comprehensive Exam Committee.

The Electronic Portfolio is developed over the duration of the student’s program, and is made up of assignments and reflections that demonstrate mastery of the LIS Program Student Learning Outcomes. It is turned in during Week Four of the student’s final semester and reviewed by the Portfolio Committee, who will provide guidance on revisions and additional information needed.

Admissions
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Applicants are required to meet two sets of minimum qualifications for admission: the requirements of the MA in Information Science and Learning Technologies program (http://lis.missouri.edu/apply) and the minimum requirements of the Office of Graduate Studies (http://gradstudies.missouri.edu/admissions/eligibility-process/minimum-requirements.php). Because requirements vary, you must refer to a degree program’s graduate admission page to learn about specific admission criteria, application deadlines, eligibility and application process. Your application materials will be reviewed by both the Office of Graduate Studies and the degree program to which you’ve applied before official admission to the University of Missouri.