MLIS Master of Library and Information Science

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The Library and Information Science (LIS) Program contributes to the essential knowledge, skills, and values of librarianship and the information professions through research, education, and outreach. Our Program offers the only Master’s Degree (https://sislt.missouri.edu/lis/academics) in the state of Missouri that is accredited (http://www.ala.org/cfapps/lisdir/listing.cfm) by the American Library Association (ALA) (http://www.ala.org). ALA’s initial accreditation was granted in 1966/67, and the program was given continued accreditation in 2015.

The MLIS can be completed online. A few courses may be offered on-site as well, in one of four locations:
- Columbia, Missouri
- Kansas City, Missouri
- St. Louis, Missouri
- Omaha, Nebraska

We use several different course structures to provide you with the broadest and most instructionally appropriate class opportunities.
- Online asynchronous classes allow you to participate anytime, anywhere.
- Online synchronous classes, scheduled at fixed times to allow online, offer real-time interaction without the drive time.
- Hybrid classes combine face-to-face and online instruction.

Most library and information science faculty are based in Columbia. Clinical faculty in St. Louis and Kansas City, and a Program Liaison in Omaha, NE provide student support and coordinate extracurricular activities.

Students can seek the MLIS with emphasis areas of Archival Science, eLearning Information Professional, or Library Media Specialist, as well as Library Media Specialist with Certification.

Degree Requirements

The program consists of **39 credit hours**, including 18 credits of required courses (https://missouri.box.com/s/wcmku2x6y74bws8kuv0hxj7x8p4y9sk). Each student completes a practicum (https://sislt.missouri.edu/lis/practicum/#practicum) (two to three credits). Elective courses are selected in consultation with faculty advisers. The program of study must include 15 credit hours of 9000-level courses, and 12 hours of courses taught by a full-time faculty member.

**Required Courses - must be taken prior to eportfolio development**

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<td>Introduction to Information Technology Emerging Technologies in Libraries</td>
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<td>IS_LT 7312 or IS_LT 7302</td>
<td>Principles of Cataloging and Classification Organization of Information</td>
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**Elective Courses**

(choose one of these, for 2 or 3 credit hours)

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**Graduate Examination Process**

In your final semester, you will develop and present a portfolio of your work to demonstrate your mastery of the https://sislt.missouri.edu/lis/#outcomes LIS Student Learning Outcomes. The portfolio contains descriptions of competencies and what they mean to you, explanations of artifacts, and reflections. You should start on your portfolio early in your coursework.

**Admissions**

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Applicants are required to meet two sets of minimum qualifications for admission: the https://sislt.missouri.edu/lis/students/#apply minimum requirements of the Master of Library & Information Science program and the minimum requirements of the Graduate School (http://gradschool.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 Graduate School and the degree program to which you've applied before official admission to the University of Missouri.