MLIS in Library and Information Science with Emphasis in PK-12 Library Media Specialist, Certification

In the Library Media Specialist emphasis area you will develop knowledge, skills, and abilities in school librarianship, culminating in a practicum or internship experience to help strengthen your skills and develop your professional networks. Please visit the Library and Information Science web page (https://sislt.missouri.edu/lis/) for the most current information.

Working with a faculty advisor, each student develops a customized program of study. Your degree will open an array of career options beyond school librarianship, including academic librarianship and public librarianship.

Degree Requirements

for Students Who Already Hold a Teaching Certificate

For students who already hold Missouri teaching certificates, the program consists of **39 credit hours,** including 30 credits of required courses. Each student completes a three-credit school library practicum (https://sislt.missouri.edu/lis/practicum/). Elective courses are selected in consultation with faculty advisers.

IS_LT 7301	Library and Information Technology	3
or IS_LT 7320	Emerging Technologies in Libraries	
IS_LT 7302	Organization of Information	3
or IS_LT 7312	Principles of Cataloging and Classification	
IS_LT 7305	Foundations of Library and Information Science	3
IS_LT 7313	Collection and Access Management	3
IS_LT 7314	Reference Sources and Services	3
IS_LT 9404	School Library Administration	3
IS_LT 9406	Curriculum and the School Library	3
IS_LT 9417	Action Research	3
IS_LT 9431	Children's Library Materials	3
or IS_LT 9434	Teen Library Materials	
IS_LT 7380	School Library Practicum	3

for Students Who Do Not Hold a Teaching Certificate

For students who do not hold Missouri teaching certificates, the program consists of 58 credit hours, including 30 credit hours of library and information science content, 18 hours of professional teacher education, and 10 hours of school library practicum and internship (https://sislt.missouri.edu/lis/practicum/).

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IS_LT 7380	School Library Practicum (Early Field Experience)	1
IS_LT 7380	School Library Practicum (Mid-Level Field Experience)	2
IS_LT 7380	School Library Practicum (Advanced Field Experience)	3
IS_LT 9480	Internship in Information Science and Learning Technologies (Student Teaching)	7
IS_LT 9467	Technology to Enhance Learning	3
SPC_ED 4020	Teaching the Exceptional Learner	3
LTC 4460	Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages	3
ESC_PS 2010	Inquiry Into Learning I	3
LTC 2040	Inquiring into Schools, Community and Society I	3
LTC 4560	Reading and Writing in the Content Areas	3

Graduate Examination Process

In your final semester, you will develop and present a portfolio of your work to demonstrate your mastery of the LIS Student Learning Outcomes (https://sislt.missouri.edu/lis/#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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https://education.missouri.edu/information-science-learning-technologies/degrees-programs/library-information-science/

Applicants are required to meet two sets of minimum qualifications for admission: The minimum requirements of the Master of Library & Information Science program (https://education.missouri.edu/information-science-learning-technologies/degrees-programs/library-information-science/) 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.