INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (GRADUATE CERTIFICATE)

The Graduate Certificate in Information Management (IM) serves the needs of those who wish to enter the rapidly expanding information field. This certificate program seeks to provide students, librarians, and information professionals with the tools needed to use technology efficiently and effectively in gathering, storing, and disseminating information. Computers and productivity tools are helping knowledge workers in accessing information, generating insights, structuring results into a useful format, and producing knowledge simultaneously. The use of these productivity tools by knowledge workers requires that information professionals alter their perceived traditional professional role so that they can provide expanded services and support to these knowledge workers as well as to continue to perform their traditional professional responsibilities.

The program is open to students with advanced degrees in related fields, students enrolled in the Library and Information Science master's program or other Wayne State University graduate programs, and, on a case by case basis, students with baccalaureate degrees from accredited universities who possess the appropriate background experience.

Admission Requirements

Admission to the School is contingent upon admission to the Graduate School (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/general-information/admission). In addition, Master of Library and Information Science applicants must satisfy the following criteria:

1. Possess an undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university.
2. Have an undergraduate g.p.a. of 3.00 or better or possess another degree beyond the bachelor's degree. Applicants with an undergraduate g.p.a. between 2.50 and 2.99 can satisfy this requirement by one of the alternative methods (A or B) as follows:
   a. Submit evidence of post-baccalaureate graduate course work completed with a g.p.a. of 3.0 or better in a minimum of twelve graduate credits; or
   b. Submit an official score report for either of the following standardized tests taken within the last five years:
      
      Graduate Record Examination (GRE): official score report for the GRE taken within the last five years. You may register online (http://www.ets.org/gre). Wayne State University’s institution code is 1898.
      
      For tests taken on or after August 1, 2011: A total score of 294 on the combined verbal and quantitative portions. The verbal portion must have a score of at least 153.

      For tests taken prior to August 1, 2011: A total score of 950 on the combined verbal and quantitative portions. The verbal portion must have a score of at least 500.

      Miller Analogies Test (MAT): Official score report for tests taken within the last five years must indicate a score of at least 410 MAT information and testing center locations can be found online (http://www.milleranalogies.com).

3. Meet the SLIS Technology Requirements online (http://www.slis.wayne.edu/technology-requirements.php).
4. Submit a personal statement reflecting relevant personal and academic background and experience. The statement should be a minimum of 250 words and a maximum of 500 words (1-2 pages).
5. Submit a current resume or curriculum vitae.
6. Attend New Student Orientation. MLIS students must attend orientation prior to starting classes. The School views orientation as an essential element of the MLIS program. Students who do not attend the on-campus orientation sessions will be dropped from their classes. This is not applicable to certificate-only students.

Application:

1. To apply for the M.L.I.S. and/or graduate certificates, please complete the online Graduate Admission Application form online (http://gradadmissions.wayne.edu/apply.php) and submit it with the $50 application fee.
2. Compose a personal statement of 250 words or less and upload it with the application form. Please visit the website (http://slis.wayne.edu/forms/personal_statement.pdf) to access the personal statement guidelines.
3. Upload a current resume or curriculum vitae with your application.
4. Request official transcripts from each university you have attended and have them sent directly to the Office of Graduate Admissions, Wayne State University.

Students admitted to the Information Management Graduate Certificate Program will be required to complete a minimum of 15 graduate credits. If this certificate is combined with the Master of Library and Information Science degree, 18 hours in the professional core, 15 hours in the Information Management specialization and 9 hours of elective courses will be required.

Students in graduate certificate programs at Wayne State must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0. Students working concurrently on the M.L.I.S. degree and the Certificate in Information Management are required to complete an additional six credits beyond the thirty-six required for the M.L.I.S. degree.

Prerequisite

LIS 6080 Information Technology

Information Management Electives

LIS 7410 Software Productivity Tools
LIS 7415 Project Management
LIS 7420 Website Development
LIS 7430 Building Web-Based Information Services
LIS 7440 Scripting Languages
LIS 7460 Database Concepts
LIS 7470 Information Architecture
LIS 7490 Competitive Intelligence and Data Mining
LIS 7491 Data Analytics
LIS 7492 Information Visualization
LIS 7500 Information Behavior
LIS 7610 Health Sciences Information Services and Resources
LIS 7620 Introduction to Health Informatics and E-Science
LIS 7940 Human-Computer Interaction
LIS 7960 Practicum: Information Management
LIS 8000 Seminar in Information Policy
Prerequisite for all Information Management coursework. Please note: LIS 6080 must have been successfully completed within the last three years.