LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE (M.L.I.S.)

For complete information regarding the academic rules and regulations of the University, students should consult the Academic Regulations (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/general-information/academic-regulations) section of this bulletin. The following additions and amendments pertain to the School of Library and Information Science.

The accredited Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) degree prepares professionals for leadership roles in libraries and other information organizations. By emphasizing the practical application of knowledge and skills, we educate students in the core principles of information management access, organization, services and support as well as emerging fields such as digital collections, competitive intelligence, information architecture and data analytics. The MLIS degree is available online with selected classes also offered on-campus.

**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.

The Master of Library and Information Science is offered only as a Plan C master’s program, requiring a minimum of thirty-six credits to be distributed as follows: Eighteen credits in the library and information science professional core, and eighteen credits in elective professional courses. A maximum of six credits in courses outside of library and information science may be accepted as cognates. Students must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0.

**Professional Core**

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Total Credits: 18

**Professional Specialization (Eighteen Credits)**

A Plan of Work is a formal statement of the goals and prescribed courses of a student’s academic program. The library and information science master’s degree program requires that a Plan of Work be submitted after completion of nine credits of graduate course work. The Plan is prepared in consultation with the faculty advisor and may be organized around one or more areas of specialization. The emphasis may relate to the type of environment in which the student intends to work or to specialized job activities or functions. Faculty advisors will assist the student in devising an optimal Plan of Work that meets the student’s academic goals.

**Practicum**

The School offers students extensive opportunities for a supervised practicum experience with arts and cultural organizations, institutions and communities throughout metropolitan Detroit, southeast Michigan, and across the country. These opportunities ensure our students have the work experience all employers today want to see. A planned on-site experience that a student may elect for credit under the direction of an
information professional and the supervision of a faculty member can be arranged. Applications deadlines will be posted to the SLIS electronic discussion list and website (http://slis.wayne.edu/students/classes/practicum.php).