Library and Information Science, MA

Academic Plans

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Course	Title	Hours
Academic Career		
Any Semester		
36 s.h. of graduate level coursework must be completed; up to 12 s.h. of graduate transfer credits allowed upon approval. More information is included in the General Catalog and on department website. [a]		
Graduate College program GPA of at least 3.00 is required. [b]		
Students must earn a grade of B-minus or higher in all core courses and a grade of C or higher in elective courses.		
Students may design their program around particular career goals such as Public Librarianship, Information Processes, Medical Librarianship, Youth Services, Archives and Media, and Academic Librarianship by working with their advisor to determine coursework and sequence.		
Students may pursue select degrees, certificates or a certification simultaneously in less time than would be required to complete the programs of study independently. [c]		
	Hours	**0**
First Year		
Fall		
SLIS:5010	Libraries, Culture, and Society [d, e]	3
SLIS:6140 or SLIS:5020	Academic User Services and Technology [e] or Public User Services and Technology	3
SLIS elective [f]		3
	Hours	**9**
Spring		
SLIS:5030	Information Organization [e, g]	3
SLIS:6115	Introduction to Research Methods in Library and Information Science [e]	3
SLIS:6170	Management, Teams, and Leadership [e, h]	3
	Hours	**9**
Second Year		
Fall		
SLIS elective [f]		3
SLIS elective [f]		3
SLIS elective [f]		3
	Hours	**9**
Spring		
SLIS:7900	SLIS Graduation Seminar [i]	0
SLIS elective [f]		3
SLIS elective [f]		3
SLIS elective [f]		3
	Hours	**9**
	Total Hours	**36**

a Students must complete specific requirements in the University of Iowa Graduate College after program admission. Refer to the Graduate College website and the Manual of Rules and Regulations for more information.

b Graduate College program GPA is comprised of all courses that are approved degree requirements. If a student takes more than the minimum required number of semester hours to complete the degree, but all courses taken are eligible to count toward the degree, those courses will be included in the Graduate College program GPA.

c Students can complete a combined degree with the SLIS MA and either a Juris Doctor or the Book Arts MFA, or may consider the SLIS MA with the Book Arts and Book Studies certificate, Informatics certificate, or Public Digital Humanities certificate. The SLIS MA may also be combined with the School Library Media certification.

d Course should be taken during the first semester of the program.

e SLIS core course.

f Students must complete 21 s.h. of SLIS elective graduate coursework. Work with an academic advisor to determine coursework and sequence. Additional information can be found in the General Catalog and on department website.

g Course should be taken during the second semester of the program.

h Course can be taken in either year one or two based on individual schedule.

i Students will complete and submit a capstone portfolio during their final semester. If they are graduating in the summer, they will submit their capstone portfolio during the previous spring semester.