

Library and Information Science, MA

Combined Programs

Undergraduate Degree/MA

Students working on an undergraduate degree at the University of Iowa who are interested in earning an MA in library and information science may apply to a combined undergraduate degree and MA degree program. The Undergraduate to Graduate (U2G) program enables students to begin work on the MA as they complete their baccalaureate degree and complete both degrees in five years. Students admitted to the program may count 12 s.h. toward both their undergraduate degree and the MA.

Separate application to each degree program is required. Applicants must be admitted to both programs before they may be admitted to the combined degree program.

For more information, visit Undergraduate to Graduate (U2G) on the Graduate College website.

MA/JD

The School of Library and Information Science and the College of Law offer a combined Master of Arts/Juris Doctor program. Students in the combined program may apply a limited amount of credit toward both degrees, thereby completing the combined program with fewer semester hours than if each degree was completed separately. Students enroll in law courses their first year and begin taking School of Library and Information Science courses in their second year.

Separate application to each degree program is required. For more information about the JD, see Juris Doctor, JD (College of Law) in the catalog. Elective courses also are available through the College of Law for students who wish to specialize in law librarianship but who do not want to pursue the JD.

MA/MFA in Book Arts

The School of Library and Information Science and the Center for the Book offer a combined Master of Arts/Master of Fine Arts in book arts. The combined program allows students with a strong interest in the physical book to acquire training in the book arts, book history, and material book studies. The earned expertise in the production and legacy of the book as a physical artifact combined with expertise in library and information science can be an asset for those focused on careers in special collections libraries and archives.

Students in the combined program earn both degrees by completing fewer semester hours than if each degree was completed separately. Separate application to each degree program is required. Applicants must be admitted to both programs before they may be admitted to the combined degree program. For more information, see the MFA in book arts in the catalog.

Students interested in a librarianship career with a more general interest in the physical book should consider the book studies/book arts and technologies certificate in combination with the MA in library and information science.

MA/Certificate in Book Arts and Book Studies

The Center for the Book and the School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) collaborate to offer the Certificate in Book Arts and Book Studies/MA library and information science program. The combined program enables students to earn an MA in library and information science and a Certificate in Book Arts and Book Studies. It requires admission to the School of Library and Information Science MA program and the Center for the Book certificate program.

The MA/Certificate in Book Arts and Book Studies offers multiple pathways into professional engagement with artifacts available in archives and libraries, such as rare and artist books. Students select courses that enable them to gain skills and knowledge in areas of service such as conservation, cataloging, instruction, and outreach. The combined program requires 51 s.h. of coursework. Students take 27 s.h. of SLIS courses; 15 s.h. of book arts, studies, and technologies courses; and the remaining 9 s.h. may be taken in either SLIS or Center for the Book coursework, or from another unit with approval from the SLIS advisor.

Admission deadline is Feb. 1 for fall entry. For more information, see the Certificate in Book Arts and Book Studies in the catalog.

MA/PhD in English

The combined MA in library and information science/PhD in English program prepares students for careers in academic libraries as humanities subject specialists, reference and instruction librarians, first-year experience librarians, special collections librarians and curators, and archivists. It also enhances the research profiles and methodological toolboxes of digital humanists as well as archival historicists, in addition to improving pedagogical skills. Offered by the Graduate College and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; see the PhD in English in the catalog.