The American Library Association (ALA) Accredited
Master of Library and Information Studies
Degree Requirements

Required courses, 15 hours:

LIS 5033 Information and Knowledge Society
LIS 5023 Management of Information and Knowledge Organizations (pre-/co-requisite 5033)
LIS 5043 Organization of Information and Knowledge Resources (pre-/co-requisite 5033)
LIS 5053 Information Users in the Knowledge Society (pre-/co-requisite 5033)
LIS 5063 Information and Communication Technology (pre-/co-requisite 5033)

Guided electives, 12 hours; at least one course from each of the following 4 categories:

Organizational Development and Management
Prerequisites: LIS 5033 Information and Knowledge Society and LIS 5023 Management of Information and Knowledge Organizations
LIS 5223 Information Technology Management (additional prerequisite: LIS 5063)
LIS 5243 Academic Library Administration
LIS 5253 Community Relations and Advocacy
LIS 5263 Organizational Learning and Learning Organizations
LIS 5273 Public Library Administration
LIS 5283 School Library Media Center Administration
LIS 5293 Special Library and Information Center Administration

Content Management
Prerequisites: LIS 5033 Information and Knowledge Society and LIS 5043 Organization of Information and Knowledge Resources
LIS 5403 Cataloging and Classification
LIS 5413 Indexing and Abstracting
LIS 5453 Digital Collections (additional prerequisite: LIS 5063)
LIS 5473 Document and Records Management
LIS 5543 Collection Development and Management (will change to 5443)

Access to Knowledge Structures
Prerequisites: LIS 5033 Information and Knowledge Society and LIS 5053 Information Users in the Knowledge Society
LIS 5503 Information Literacy and Instruction
LIS 5513 Information Sources and Services
LIS 5523 Online Information Retrieval
LIS 5553 Competitive Intelligence
LIS 5563 Archival Appraisal (additional pre-requisite: LIS 5343 Archives)

Research, Discovery, and Evaluation
Prerequisites: LIS 5033 Information and Knowledge Society
LIS 5713 Research Methods
LIS 5733 Evaluation Methods (option for non-thesis students)
General electives, 9 hours; three additional courses selected from courses in the categories above, from the following courses, or from appropriate courses in other units under advisor’s guidance or completion of a thesis (no more than 6 hours of thesis credit may count toward the degree).

LIS 5123 Literature and Methods for Readers’ Advisory Services  
LIS 5133 Biomedical Bibliography and Reference Materials  
LIS 5143 Government Publications  
LIS 5163 Biomedical Databases  
LIS 5173 Multicultural Librarianship  
LIS 5183 Books and Materials for Children  
LIS 5193 Books and Materials for Young Adults  
LIS 5343 Archives (title to change to Archival Concepts and Traditions)  
LIS 5533 Introduction to Instructional Technology  
LIS 5633 Design and Implementation of Web-based Information Services  
LIS 5653 Preservation of Information Materials  
LIS 5683 Database Design for Information Organizations  
LIS 5823 Internship in Library/Information Centers  
LIS 5920 Directed Research (1-3 hours)  
LIS 5940 Directed Project (1-3 hours)  
LIS 5960 Directed Readings (1-3 hours)  
LIS 5970 Special Topics/Seminar (1-3 hours)  
LIS 5980 Research for Master’s Thesis (2-6 hours)  
LIS 5990 Special Problems (1-3 hours)  
LIS 5990 Networks and Information Management Systems  
  
In addition to course requirements, the Graduate College requires all candidates for an advanced degree to complete an end of program assessment. For the MLIS, the School offers three options: the comprehensive examination, the thesis, or the portfolio.