Request for Program Modification

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Institution submitting request: The University of Oklahoma
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Current title of degree program (Level II): Master of Library and Information Studies
Current title of degree program (Level III): Library and Information Studies
State Regent’s three-digit program code: 151
Degree Granting Academic Unit: Graduate College
With options in: A. Library and Information Studies (on-campus delivery - M650)
                   B. Library and Information Studies (electronic delivery - M651)
                   C.
                   D.
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TYPE OF REQUEST: Check those appropriate and complete appropriate pages ONLY!

☐ (1) Program Deletion
☐ (2) Program Suspension
☐ (3) Change of Program Name and/or Degree Designation
☐ (4) Option Addition
☐ (5) Option Deletion
☐ (6) Option Name Change
☐ (7) Program Requirement Change
☐ (8) Other Degree Program Modification

Complete and return ONLY this cover sheet AND the appropriate page specifying the requested modification!

Signature of President: ____________________________ Date: ____________

Date of Governing Board Approval: ____________________

State Regent Policy 3.4.3
Institution submitting request: The University of Oklahoma

State Regents’ three-digit program code and Program name of program to be modified:
151-Master of Library and Information Studies

(7) PROGRAM REQUIREMENT CHANGES

☑ Course requirement change (change in number of core courses, electives, general education, etc. Changes in course prefixes that do not effect content should be reported, but do not require approval.)

☐ Degree program requirement change (i.e. prerequisites, minimum GPA for admission or other admission criteria changes, graduation criteria change, etc.)

☑ Total credit hours for the degree will NOT change.

☐ Total credit hours for the degree will change from _____ to _____.

Summary of changes (attach no more than one page if space provided is inadequate, as well as the
A research methods course (LIS 5713 or LIS 5733) will become required (in addition to LIS 5023, LIS 5033, LIS 5043, LIS 5053 and LIS 5063). The guided elective categories will be removed. Students will take six required courses and six elective courses.

Will total number of credit hours required for the degree change ☑ No ☐ Yes
Explain: One course (research methods) will be added to the core requirements for the degree. Fifteen hours were required. With the addition of either LIS 5713 or LIS 5733, 18 hours will be required. Students will complete 18 hours of electives for a total of 36 hours. Prior to this change, students took 15 hours of required courses and 21 hours of electives.

Reason for requested action (attach no more than one page if space provided is inadequate):
While ensuring all students graduate with a fundamental core of knowledge in library and information studies, this action will eliminate the specific guided elective categories. This will allow students greater flexibility in choosing their electives (with guidance from their faculty advisors) in order to create individualized programs that meet their specific career goals.

Will requested change require additional funds? ☑ No ☐ Yes
If yes, please specify the number of the additional costs, the source of the funds, and how they will be expended (attach no more than one page if space provided is inadequate).

State Regent Policy 3.4.3
Attach current and proposed degree program requirements and degree program objectives (on no more than three pages). Indicate the changes clearly. Note any deleted courses. Asterisk any new courses.

Please list the current curriculum requirements in the left column and the proposed curriculum requirements in the right column.

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The University of Oklahoma

REQUEST FOR PROGRAM MODIFICATION

School of Library and Information Studies
(Department submitting request)

Library and Information Studies - 151
(Program Name & Code being modified)

Approval Signatures

[Signature]
(Department/School Chair/Director) 6-29-12

(College Dean)

(Date)

(Graduate College)

(Date)

(Academic Programs Council)

(Date)

(Provost)

(Date)

Approved by The University of Oklahoma Regents

(Date)

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(Date)

(This form produced by the Office of Academic Publications.)
Attachment I: Current Curriculum

REQUIRED COURSES (15 credit hours required)
LIS 5023 Management of Information and Knowledge Organizations
LIS 5033 Information & Knowledge Society
LIS 5043 Organization of Information and Knowledge Resources
LIS 5053 Information Users in the Knowledge Society
LIS 5063 Information and Communication Technology

THESIS CANDIDATES ONLY (2-6 hours required)
LIS 5980 Master’s Thesis Research
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GUIDED ELECTIVES (12 credit hours with at least one course from each category)

Organizational Development and Management
(3 credit hours required)
Guided electives in this content area are determined by the School of Library and Information Studies

Content Management
(3 credit hours required)
Guided electives in this content area are determined by the School of Library and Information Studies

Access to Knowledge Structures
(3 credit hours required)
Guided electives in this content area are determined by the School of Library and Information Studies

Research, Discovery and Evaluation
(3 credit hours required)
Guided electives in this content area are determined by the School of Library and Information Studies

GENERAL ELECTIVES (Non-Thesis Option 9 hours; Thesis Option 3–7 hours)
General electives are determined by the School of Library and Information Studies. General electives may include additional approved courses selected under advisor’s guidance from the guided electives, from appropriate courses in the School of Library and Information Studies, or from other units of the University. Any course approved by the School as a guided elective is approved as a general elective.
Attachment II: Proposed Curriculum

REQUIRED COURSES (18 credit hours required)
LIS 5023 Management of Information and Knowledge Organizations
LIS 5033 Information & Knowledge Society
LIS 5043 Organization of Information and Knowledge Resources
LIS 5053 Information Users in the Knowledge Society
LIS 5063 Information and Communication Technology
LIS 5713 Research Methods OR LIS 5733 Evaluation Methods

THESIS CANDIDATES ONLY (2-6 hours required)
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GENERAL ELECTIVES (Non-Thesis Option 18 hours; Thesis Option 12-16 hours)
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Summary of Program Modification

Department: School of Library and Information Studies  Date: August 30, 2012

Program to be modified: Master in Library and Information Studies  Major Code: M650
(on-campus delivery)

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Upon approval of the proposed changes, it will be understood that any previous coursework requirements not explicitly outlined above will not be included in the new program; and thus, will not be monitored by the Graduate College.

Summary of Proposed Changes:
1. LIS 5713 Research Methods OR LIS 5733 Evaluation will be added as a core requirement for the degree (students may choose one or the other). This will increase the number of required courses from 5 to 6. These courses become the required research courses for all students (students may choose one or the other).
2. The guided elective categories are eliminated. This will increase the number of general electives courses from 3 to 6.

Reason for Request:
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What options will current students have to complete their degree?
The School is requesting that the new degree requirements apply to students admitted for the fall 2013 semester and after. Current students may complete the degree requirements in effect at the time they were admitted.

Are required courses for proposed program current courses? Yes X No ____
If no, have course request(s) been submitted for approval? Yes ____ No ____
If no, indicate below the course number and anticipated date of submission:

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NOTE: New program proposals and requests for program modifications can be approved by the Graduate Council without all relevant course proposals; however, such requests will not be forwarded to the Academic Program Council until all relevant course proposals have been submitted to, and approved by, Graduate Council.

Explanations of the Degree Program Inventory Levels I-V terminology are available on the following page.
Program Terminology
Degree Program Inventory Levels I-V

Level I: Aggregations of courses as referenced in State Regents’ policy. Examples include such titles as Certificate, Master of Science and Doctor of (Specialty).

Level II: Aggregations of courses that appear in an institution’s catalog or on a student’s diploma. Note: this is the degree title that is printed on the diploma. Examples include Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy.

Level III: Aggregations of courses with an institutional-unique program code (also known as the State Regents’ Program Code). This level defines the discipline in which the degree is awarded. Examples include Master of Arts in French or Doctor of Philosophy in Economics.

Level IV: Major or Option – Aggregations of courses under an umbrella degree program. At OU, this is referred to as the major and has an assigned major code. “Option” should not be used to identify any of the classifications mentioned below (concentration, track, emphasis, field, specialization, etc.).

Level V: Concentration or Track – Formalized subgrouping of coursework within a major that generates a specific plan of study; beyond the basic curricula of the degree. These are permitted, but are not regulated by State Regents’ policies and they do not appear on the diploma or transcript. However, they are part of the program and have been approved by the Graduate Council, APC, and Provost as specific plans of study. With the implementation of Banner, students will be required to apply directly to the major and concentration of their choice, and the Graduate College will monitor the students’ programs according to the concentration chosen. Any changes, additions or deletions to an area of concentration must be submitted to the Graduate Council using a Request for Administrative/Internal Changes form. There may be no additional formal subgroupings of coursework beyond the concentration.

Other Terminology: Emphasis or Specialization – Informal area of study. Emphases or specializations may be mentioned in the approved program, but will not have any official implications on the program of study. Will not be tracked by the Graduate College.
Sample wording for an emphasis or specialization: “Nine (9) hours in selected emphasis, as approved by advisor”

Possible Program Hierarchies
1) Major (formal)
   - Concentration (formal)
     - Specialization (informal)
   2) Major (formal)
     - Specialization (informal)

Other Terminology: Field – Areas of study that are required for breadth of the program. This usually applies to situations where a student is required to take “x” number of hours in several fields to ensure that the student receives broad training in the discipline. This is often referred to as a distribution requirement. Comprehensive Exams and General Exams are expected to cover all of the fields of study. Fields should be defined in the approved program to the extent to which
they impact the program requirements. Fields may be required at the major level and/or the concentration level.