

**DOCTORAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

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**DOCTOR of PHILOSOPHY**

D535

**MAJOR:** Information Studies

Program effective **Fall 2019**

**COURSEWORK REQUIREMENTS**

**Major Core**

- LIS 6033 Intellectual Traditions in Information Studies ..... 3 hours
- LIS 6713 Research Methods and Design in Information Studies ..... 3 hours
- LIS 6970 Special Topics in the Theory of Information Studies ..... 3 hours
- Two additional methodology courses outside the School of Library and Information Studies ..... 6 hours  
Selected from an approved list maintained by SLIS.
- Total ..... 15 hours**

- Major Specialization ..... 12 hours**  
Four courses focused on creating a major area of specialization. Must be approved by committee chair and graduate liaison. (This can be four semesters of LIS 6920 Directed Research, to create a specialization in research.)

**Doctoral Seminar**

- LIS 6962 Doctoral Seminar ..... **8 hours**  
2 hours per semester for 4 semesters

**Guided Electives**

It is recommended that these courses are chosen carefully with a view to (a) acquiring the knowledge and skills necessary for designing and implementing a research study in the student’s area of interest, and/or (b) exploring a particular cognate area relating to the student’s research interests and becoming acquainted with faculty who may serve as external dissertation committee members.

- 6000-level LIS courses ..... 6 hours
- Graduate courses offered outside of SLIS ..... 6 hours
- Total ..... 12 hours**

- General Electives ..... 30-33 hours**  
Must be approved by committee and graduate liaison. Up to 30 hours may be credited from a prior master’s degree in a related field with permission of committee chair and graduate liaison.

**Dissertation Research**

- LIS 6980 Research for Doctoral Dissertation ..... **10-13 hours**

- TOTAL ..... 90 hours**