

Information Access and Discovery Pathway — Required and Recommended Courses

Information professionals interested in working in public, academic, and special libraries must understand how to identify information-seeking behaviors in various user groups to successfully meet their needs and provide appropriate resources and services. Courses in this pathway focus on ways that professionals connect users to information through instruction, collections, and services.

REQUIRED MLIS CORE (13 CREDIT HOURS)		
LIS 60020	Information Organization	3
LIS 60030	People in the Information Ecology	3
LIS 60040	Information Institutions and Professions	3
LIS 60050	Research and Assessment in Library and Information Science	3
LIS 60280	Master's Portfolio in Library and Information Science	1

FOUNDATIONAL COURSES (6 CREDIT HOURS)		
LIS 60601	Information Sources and Reference Services	3
LIS 60613	Information Needs, Seeking and Use	3

RECOMMENDED ELECTIVE COURSES (CHOOSE 18 CREDIT HOURS ACROSS BOTH CATEGORIES)

GENERAL COURSES		
LIS 60401	Leadership in Libraries and Information Centers	3
LIS 60510	Digital Technologies I: Data Fundamentals	1
LIS 60511	Digital Technologies II: Internet Fundamentals	1
LIS 60609	Marketing the Library	3
LIS 60614	Collection Management in Libraries	3

LIS 60618	Information Literacy Initiatives and Instruction	3
LIS 60650	Information Policy	3
LIS 60655	Copyright: Understanding User Rights and Responsibilities	3
LIS 60668	International Librarianship and Information Services	3
LIS 60669	Information Services for Diverse Populations	3
LIS 60692	Internship in Information and Cultural Heritage Institutions (<i>highly recommended for those with little or no relevant work experience</i>)	2-3
LIS 61095	(Special Topics) Trauma Informed Sources and Services in Information Settings	1
LIS 61095	(Special Topics) AI, Society and Ethics	3
LIS 61095	(Special Topics) Scholarly Communication	3
INSTITUTION/DOMAIN SPECIFIC COURSES		
LIS 60608	The Public Library	3
LIS 60612	Library Materials and Services for Adults	3
LIS 60615	The Academic Library	3
LIS 60616	The Special Library	3
LIS 60617	Information Literacy for Youth	3
LIS 60620	Health Information Resources	3
LIS 60630	Reference Sources and Services for Youth	3
LIS 60652	Foundations of Recordkeeping in Society	3
LIS 60672	Reference Sources and Services in Medical Libraries	3
LIS 60700	Foundations of Museum Studies	3
LIS 61095	(Special Topics) Digital Collections as Primary Sources	1
LIS 61095	(Special Topics) Digital Collections Institutions and Organizations	1
LIS 61095	(Special Topics) Digital Collections and the User Experience	1

Information Access and Discovery Pathway — Additional Information and Resources

Other related pathways:

Youth Empowerment and Engagement

Additional skills mentioned in related job ads that might be acquired through extracurricular experiences:

Effective interpersonal skills; ability to understand the needs of and work with diverse populations; ability to provide instruction and training; reference and reader's advisory interview skills; fluency in more than one language; knowledge of various technologies, including Microsoft Office, Application software, PCs, Macs, e-readers, and mobile devices; knowledge of computer services, including online searching, social media, reference resources, and databases; proficiency using a variety of print and electronic resources, including local, national and international resources and subscription databases; advanced online search skills; ability to create technology; ability to maintain liaisons with community agencies; awareness of emerging trends in demographics, services, and technology tools and applications.

Professional organizations:

[American Association of Law Libraries](#) (AALL)

[American Library Association](#)

Core: Leadership, Infrastructure, Futures

[Reference and User Services Association](#) (ALA RUSA)

[Association of College and Research Libraries](#) (ACRL)

[Association of Research Libraries](#) (ARL)

[International Federation of Library Associations](#) (IFLA)

[Medical Library Association](#) (MLA)

[Public Library Association](#) (PLA)

[Special Libraries Association](#) (SLA)

Sample job titles:

Access Services Manager

Acquisitions Librarian

Adult Services Librarian

Collection Services Manager

Digital Services Librarian

Electronic Resource Librarian

Emerging Technologies Librarian

First-Year Experience Librarian

Information Consultant/Information Broker

Information Services Librarian

Instruction and Student Success Librarian

Liaison Librarian

Outreach Librarian

Public Services Librarian

Reference Librarian

Teaching and Learning Librarian

Technology and Literacy Trainer