

Information Access and Discovery Pathway — Required and Recommended Courses

Courses in this pathway focus on information literacy and technology instruction; identifying and serving user groups; information-seeking behaviors; satisfying information needs; and collecting, locating, and using appropriate materials and resources.

REQUIRED MLIS CORE (16 CREDIT HOURS)		
LIS 60010	The Information Landscape	3
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

Students aspiring to management level positions should consult with their academic advisor to determine which elective courses will best support this interest.

Recommended Elective Courses
 Choose 15 credit hours across any these categories

GENERAL COURSES		
LIS 60510	Digital Technologies I: Data Fundamentals	1
LIS 60511	Digital Technologies II: Internet Fundamentals	1
LIS 60609	Marketing the Library	3
LIS 60614	Selection and Acquisition of Library Materials	3
LIS 60618	Information Literacy Initiatives and Instruction	3
LIS 60668	International Librarianship and Information Services	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) Information Services for Diverse Populations	3

INSTITUTION 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 60630	Reference Sources and Services for Youth	3
LIS 60652	Foundations of Recordkeeping in Society	3
LIS 60700	Foundations of Museum Studies	3

DOMAIN SPECIFIC COURSES		
LIS 6011	Government Information Sources and Services	3
LIS 60620	Health Information Resources	3
LIS 60664	Music Information and Librarianship	3

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 and work with special 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, Google Applications, Web 2.0, 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; awareness of technology trends.

Professional organizations:

American Association of Law Libraries (AALL)
 Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS)
 Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)
 International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA)

Medical Library Association (MLA)
 Public Library Association (PLA)
 Reference and User Services Association (ALA RUSA)
 Special Libraries Association (SLA)

Sample job titles:

Access Services Manager
 Acquisitions Librarian
 Adult Services Librarian
 Electronic Resource Librarian
 Emerging Technologies Librarian
 First-Year Experience Librarian
 Information Consultant/Information Broker
 Information Services Librarian
 Instruction Librarian
 Outreach Librarian
 Public Services Librarian
 Reference Librarian
 Teaching and Learning Librarian
 Technology and Literacy Trainer
 Subject-Specific Librarians:

- Business Librarian
- Health Sciences Librarian
- Law Librarian
- Music Librarian
- Science and Engineering Librarian