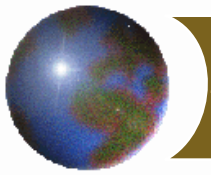


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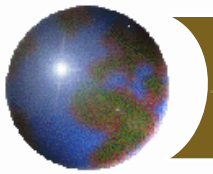
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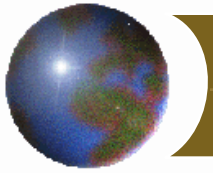


(Wisconsin Library School Students in 1912)



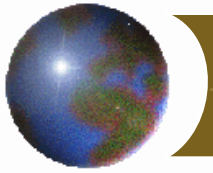
What is distance education?

- ❖ Instruction that occurs when the instructor and student are separated by distance or time, or both.
- ❖ Who are distance learners?
 - ❑ People who, because of time, geographic, or other constraints, choose not to attend a traditional classroom
 - ❑ Wide variety of backgrounds and ages
 - ❑ Motivated to learn in a non-traditional setting



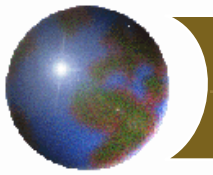
Is distance education for you?

- ✦ Are you self-motivated?
- ✦ Do you manage your time well?
- ✦ Are you open to a new learning environment?
- ✦ Do you want to obtain an ALA-accredited degree?
- ✦ You must live at least 55 miles from Madison to be eligible. (Students in the on-campus program are eligible to take most online courses.)



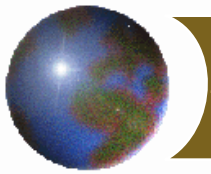
Benefits of online learning

- ✦ Provides round-the-clock access to course materials
- ✦ Enhances student-to-student and faculty-to-student communication
- ✦ Accommodates different learning styles
- ✦ Provides new methods to assess and evaluate student progress



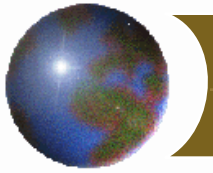
Getting the most out of E-learning

- ✦ Participate! Contribute your ideas, perspective and comments
- ✦ Take the program and yourself seriously
- ✦ Set aside time and space to study
- ✦ Log on to your course every day
- ✦ Speak up if you are having problems
- ✦ Apply what you learn

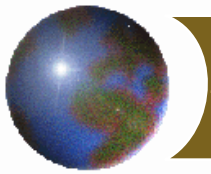


Questions to ask about any distance program

- ❖ Are the requirements for the degree or certificate program clear?
- ❖ Do I have access to all technologies and skills required to complete this program?
- ❖ Will I have frequent opportunities to interact with my instructors?



- ⊕ How will I get library materials and books?
- ⊕ How will I get support services, such as advising?
- ⊕ Can I get financial aid?
- ⊕ How much time will it take?

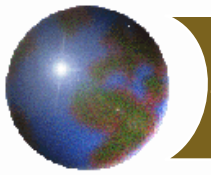


Many of these answers are at

✦ <http://www.slis.wisc.edu/admissions/>

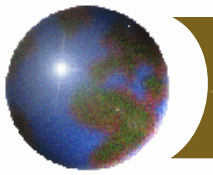
✦ **SLIS Program Planning Guide at**
<http://www.slis.wisc.edu/academics/MA-GUIDE2009.pdf>

✦ This guide will have some
modifications for off-campus students



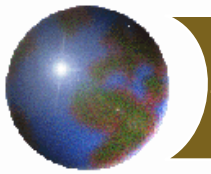
What kind of formats will be used?

- ❖ A required on-campus orientation and instruction week will give you the chance to meet the other distance students and some of your instructors
 - ❖ *This will be held August 1-6, 2010*
- ❖ Most classes will be offered online
 - ❖ Interaction possible among students as well as between instructor and student
 - ❖ Course materials can be delivered online in many formats



How long does it take?

- ❖ 42 credits are required. Students can study full-time or part-time. You will be assigned an advisor who can help you plan your program.
- ❖ All students do a 3-credit, 120 hour field project near home
- ❖ Up to 9 transfer credits from other institutions will be allowed



What will it cost?

- ⊕ Tuition has not yet been set. It is expected to be similar to Wisconsin resident graduate tuition. (In Fall 09 that was \$660 per credit.)
- ⊕ If you are looking for financial aid, complete your application as early in the year as possible to ensure availability of all funds.
 - ⊞ <http://www.finaid.wisc.edu/>
- ⊕ The total cost of the degree will vary with the number of transfer credits.