University of Wisconsin-Madison
School of Library & Information Studies (SLIS)
Masters degree via Distance

www.slis.wisc.edu
Times have changed

(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

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.