



Suggested Courses for Possible Specializations in LIS. The master's degree in LIS provides graduates with the ability to practice librarianship and information service at a professional level in a diverse, technological, and global society. Some students may choose to specialize in order to gain a particular skill set or to prepare for a particular field. This is a list of *suggested* courses for *possible* specializations. You may choose to specialize in something else, or you may choose not to specialize at all. Use these suggestions in conjunction with advice from your faculty adviser and the Checklist for Master's Students to plan your 42-credit master's program. These courses are not required (with two exceptions: both the Archives and the School Library Media tracks have required courses). **It is not intended that you take all courses suggested for the specialization—and in most cases it is impossible to do so.** Choose courses that best suit your degree program and career goals. In some cases, this may mean selecting courses that are not on the list below. Some courses, indicated by *, are offered infrequently.

Academic Librarianship

Tier 2:

635: Reference & Information Service
639: Information Literacy Pedagogy
654: Management of Info. Agencies
655: Collection Management
661: Information Ethics & Policy
710: Research Methods

Tier 3:

642: Reading Interests of Adults
645: Intellectual Freedom & Libraries
653: Government Information Sources
663: Cyber Law
722: College and University Libraries
751: Database Design
810: Topic: Mapping Community Info Agencies
855: Topic: Managing Licensed Digital Resources
861: Information Architecture
879: Digital Libraries
Practicum: 620 and/or 826

Archives & Records Administration

Courses in bold are required

Tier 2:

644: Digital Tools, Trends & Debates
651: Cataloging & Classification
654: Management of Information Agencies

734: Modern Archives Administration

Tier 3:

616: Records Management

678: Preservation & Conservation of Library & Archives Material
751: Database Design

754: Seminar in Info Agency Management

818: Archives Accessioning & Appraisal

976: Special Problems in Archives

Practicum: **977: Practice of Archives**

The ARA manual lists additional electives, including SLIS and non-SLIS courses.

Area Studies

Tier 2:

635: Reference & Information Service
639: Information Literacy Pedagogy
654: Management of Information Agencies
651: Cataloging
655: Collection Management
710: Research Methods (unless taken in area field)

Tier 3:

815: Advanced Cataloging
861: Information Architecture
879: Digital Libraries

Practicum: 620 and/or 826

Courses outside SLIS:

Cultural, language and history courses, up to 9 credits

Art Librarianship

Tier 2:

635: Reference & Information Service
639: Information Literacy Pedagogy
644: Digital Tools, Trends & Debates
654: Management of Info. Agencies
655: Collection Management

Tier 3:

751: Database Design
855: Topic: Managing Licensed Digital Resources

861: Information Architecture
879: Digital Libraries

Courses outside SLIS:

(Note that both Art Hist classes have been offered very infrequently in the past.)

Art Hist 601*: Intro to Museum Studies I

Art Hist 602*: Intro to Museum Studies II

Practicum: 490 and/or 620 in an art library

Book Studies & Print Culture

Tier 2:

639: Information Literacy Pedagogy
655: Collection Management

Tier 3:

569: History of American Librarianship
570: History of Books & Print Culture
622: Children's Literature
629: Multicultural Literature for Children & YA
631: Young Adult Literature
642: Reading Interests of Adults
645: Intellectual Freedom & Libraries
678: Preservation & Conservation of Library and Archives Materials
810 Topic: History of Readers and Reading
839: Topic: Rare Books & Special Collections

Courses outside SLIS:

Art (such as book arts, graphic design, paper making), History, Journalism, Literacy (English Department or School of Education), Literature, Mass Communication. For suggested courses, visit the website of the PhD minor for the Center for the History of Print Culture:

<http://slisweb.lis.wisc.edu/~printcul/phdMinor.html>

Practicum: 620

Children's and Young Adult (YA) Services

Strongly recommended:

Tier 2:

635: Reference & Information Service
639: Information Literacy Pedagogy
644: Digital Tools, Trends & Debates (or 861)
651: Cataloging
654: Management of Info. Agencies
655: Collection Management
710: Research Methods

Tier 3:

622: Children's Literature
629: Multicultural Literature for Children & YA
631: Young Adult Literature
772: Library Services to Children & YA
861: Information Architecture (or 644)

Also recommended:

Tier 2:

661: Information Ethics & Policy

Tier 3:

624: Storytelling and Oral Literature
645: Intellectual Freedom
712: Public Libraries
848: Topics in Literature for Children & YA
Practicum: 620. 826 may be taken in addition to but not in lieu of 620.

Digital Libraries and Resources

Tier 2:

644: Digital Tools Trends & Debates
635: Reference & Information Services and/or
639: Information Literacy Pedagogy, depending
on sub-specialization

Tier 3:

640: Topic: Human-Computer Interaction
751: Database Design & Management
861: Information Architecture
855: Topic: Metadata
855: Topic: Metadata and Document Structures:
XML
855: Topic: Managing Licensed Digital
Resources
855*: Topic: Systems Analysis and Design
879: Digital Libraries

Courses outside SLIS: See

www.slis.wisc.edu/academics/techtrac.html

Practicum: 620 or 826 depending on sub-
specialization

***All students should choose a sub-specialization
in either instruction or reference:***

Instruction sub-specialization:

639: Information Literacy Pedagogy
826: Field Project in Library and Information
Literacy Instruction

Reference sub-specialization:

635: Reference & Information Service
620 with a reference emphasis

Information & Society

Tier 2:

644: Digital Tools, Trends & Debates
661: Information Ethics & Policy

Tier 3:

569: History of American Librarianship
570: History of Books & Print Culture
645: Intellectual Freedom & Libraries
663: Cyber Law
863: International Cyber Law

Courses outside SLIS:

Comm Arts 472: Rhetoric & Technology
Comm Arts 459: New Media & Society
Comm Arts 557: New Media Industries
Jou 676*: Cyberspace and Hypermedia

Practicum: 620

Law Librarianship

Tier 2:

635: Reference & Information Service
639: Information Literacy Pedagogy
654: Management of Information Agencies
655: Collection Management
661: Information Ethics & Policy

Tier 3:

640: Topic: Digital Divides & Differences
653: Government Information Sources
663: Cyber Law

847: Topic: Legal Reference
847: Topic: Law Librarianship
863: International Cyber Law

Courses outside SLIS: Courses from law school
or legal studies

Practicum: 620 in a law library

Medical Librarianship

Tier 2:

635: Reference & Information Service
654: Management of Information Agencies
661: Information Ethics & Policy
710: Research Methods

Tier 3:

617*: Health Information Systems
751: Database Design
847: Topic: Consumer Health Information
861: Information Architecture **or** LSC 532: Web
Design for the Sciences
875: Topic: Metadata
931: Seminar: Information Retrieval and
Knowledge Representation in Medicine
Courses outside SLIS:
Journ 617: Health Communication in the
Information Age

Practicum: 620 and/or 826

Music Librarianship

Tier 2:

635: Reference & Information Service
639: Information Literacy Pedagogy
644: Digital Tools, Trends & Debates
654: Management of Information Agencies
655: Collection Management

Tier 3:

751: Database Design
861: Information Architecture
879: Digital Libraries
Required for double degree (under development)
619: Music Research Methods & Materials
855: Topic: Music Librarianship (not yet scheduled)

Practicum: LIS 620 in a music library

Courses outside SLIS:

Music theory, history, ethnomusicology, or composition courses, up to 9 credits.
French or German also required for the double degree.

Public Librarianship

Tier 2:

635: Reference & Information Service
639: Information Literacy Pedagogy
654: Management of Info. Agencies
655: Collection Management
661: Information Ethics & Policy

Tier 3:

569: History of American Librarianship
622 and/or 629 and/or 631: (Children's/YA Lit)
642: Reading Interests of Adults
645: Intellectual Freedom & Libraries
653: Government Information Sources
712: Public Libraries
772: Library Services to Children & YA
810: Topic: Mapping Community Info Agencies
855: Topic: Managing Licensed Digital Resources
861: Information Architecture
879: Digital Libraries
Practicum: 620 and/or 826

Reference/Adult Services

Tier 2:

635: Reference & Information Service
639: Information Literacy Pedagogy
655: Collection Management
661: Information Ethics & Policy
710: Research Methods

Tier 3:

642: Reading Interests of Adults
645: Intellectual Freedom & Libraries
653: Government Information Sources
712: Public Libraries **or**
722: College and University Libraries
822: Information Use & Users
847: Topics in User Services (topics vary-select this course if the topic is relevant)
861: Information Architecture
879: Digital Libraries
Practicum: 620 and/or 826

School Library Media

Required courses (24 credits)

639: Information Literacy Pedagogy
641: The School Library Media Center
651: Cataloging
C&I 620: Field Experience

Resources: Pick two from this list

622: Children's Literature
629: Multicultural Literature for Children & YA
631: Young Adult Literature
848: Topics in Literature for Children & YA

Technology: Pick two from this list

644: Digital Tools, Trends & Debates
861: Information Architecture
Technology courses from UWSSLEC with permission from advisor

Electives (9 credits)

624: Storytelling and Oral Literature
645: Intellectual Freedom
661: Information Ethics & Policy
635: Reference & Information Service
654: Management of Info. Agencies
655: Collection Management
710: Research Methods

C&I, UWSSLEC, or other courses may also be taken as electives with permission from advisor

Special Librarianship

Tier 2:

635: Reference & Information Service
639: Information Literacy Pedagogy
644: Digital Tools, Trends & Debates
655: Collection Management
661: Information Ethics & Policy

Tier 3:

616: Records Management
653: Government Information Sources
732*: Corporate & Specialized Info Services
751: Database Design (recommended over 861)
810: Topic: Mapping Community Info Agencies
855: Topic: Managing Licensed Digital Resources

855: Topic: Metadata

855: Topic: Metadata and Document Structures:
XML

855*: Topic: Systems Analysis

855*: Topic: Knowledge Management

861: Information Architecture

Courses outside SLIS:

Courses from business school and Industrial Engineering

Technical Services

Tier 2:

644: Digital Tools, Trends & Debates
651: Cataloging & Classification
654: Management of Info. Agencies
655: Collection Management
661: Information Ethics & Policy

Tier 3:

640: Topic: Human-Computer Interaction
663: Cyber Law
751: Database Design
810: Topic: Mapping Community Info Agencies
815*: Advanced Cataloging
855: Topic: Managing Licensed Digital Resources

861: Information Architecture

879: Digital Libraries

875: Topics in Information Processing & Retrieval

Practicum: 620