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SLIS: the iSchool at UW-Madison
Info Session for Prospective Online Students

Today’s agenda:
- Introduction to SLIS
- Program requirements and pathways
- Application requirements
Why SLIS-UW Madison?

- Strong reputation:
  - Longstanding, over 100 years old
  - Continuously accredited
  - Academically rigorous mix of theoretical and practical
  - Strong placement rate
  - Nationally ranked
Why SLIS-UW Madison?

- Small classes - high interaction with accessible faculty and staff
- Community - bonding with classmates, join student organizations, get involved
- Customizable – flexible curriculum
- Hands on experience – supported work experience in an organization related to your career goals
New Program
(submitted for UW approval)

- 39 credits (13 classes)
- Applicable to a variety of information professions
- Can be completed in 2-4 years
- 3 required courses, then highly customizable
New Program Overview

Required Courses
Must take all 3
601: Information Agencies and their Environments
602: Introduction to Organization and Search Systems
603: Research and Assessment in Information Studies

Tier T technology class: must take at least 1
LIS 644 Digital Tools, Trends & Debates
LIS 861 Information Arch/Web Design
LIS 751 Database Design
LIS 879 Digital Libraries
LIS 652 XML/Linked Data

Tier M Course: must take at least 1
LIS 654 Information Services Management (general)
LIS 732 Strategic Information Services
LIS 712 Public Library Administration

Other Requirements
Online e-Portfolio
Practicum Field-placement (3 credits)
Electives (any remaining credits to total 39)
Specialization Area: Librarianship

Support communities and learning and promote access to information.

Employment: College and universities, public libraries, youth programs, electronic collections management, science & health librarianship, research data management, and school libraries.

Example: Dorothy Terry ('13) Instruction and Digital Initiatives Librarian at Morgan State University Maryland
Specialization Area: Information Organization

Organize current and emerging information sources in any format.

Employment: metadata specialists, catalogers, taxonomy and ontology specialists, digital asset managers, XML and linked data specialists, database and data managers.

Work in corporate, non-profit and cultural institution settings

Amy Sonnichsen ('13)
Metadata Librarian
Getty Research Institute
Los Angeles, California
Specialization Area: Information Management

Analyze and improve information flows to solve problems make organizations work better.

Employment: information analysis & visualization, knowledge management, prospect research, systems analysis, digital asset management, records management and compliance, research data management, information systems analysis and project management.

Giso Broman ('13)
Human resources information systems analyst
CUNA Insurance
Specialization Area: Information Technologies

Develop and manage information technologies to help people and solve problems.

Employment: IT instruction and training & support, user experience and web design, digital asset management & curation, database and data management and systems analysis and information project managers.

Stephanie Kuenn ('14)
Marketing Analytics Strategy Manager
National Restaurant Association
Chicago, Illinois
Specialization Areas

- Elective areas do not have specific required courses, but they do have recommended courses that can guide your progress.

- Most people mix and match courses from several specializations.

Examples:
- Youth services and technology
- Librarianship & policy
- Technology and organization of information
Application requirements

No GRE required

Three references:
- Academic preferred
- If out of school for > 5 years, min one academic reference

Reasons for Graduate Study essay:
Career goals, reasons for choosing SLIS, leadership experience, aspirations

Transcripts:
2 copies of official post-secondary transcripts (mailed to SLIS)

Other experiences: Study abroad, multicultural, STEM background, language skills, community service, job experience, other…
Application Requirements

Admissions deadlines:
  • Dec 15 deadline for scholarships
  • Feb 1 application deadline

Begin process with the Graduate School electronic application
  – Graduate School’s Electronic Application
    https://www.gradsch.wisc.edu/eapp/eapp.pl
Will I get in?

Admit rate:
around 50%

Average
Undergrad GPA:
3.54
Tuition

How much? Fall semester 2014: $800/credit or $2400 per 3-credit course
Pay by the credit; no plateau

Residency: Admission as a SLIS distance student does not change your residency status. If you are not from WI you remain a non-resident

http://registrar.wisc.edu/tuition_&_fees.htm (select “Graduate” under Student Career)
Funding

• FAFSA
  • Federal loans and grants
  • 4 credit min for financial aid

• SLIS Financial Aid
  • Just under 50% of the Fall 2014 class had some financial aid from SLIS

• Jobs
  • Most students work over 20 hours per week.

• Travel Awards
  • Presenting at professional conferences
Any questions?