Suggested Courses for Possible Specializations in LIS. This is a list of possible specializations within SLIS. Most students mix classes from two or more specializations. You need not take all courses suggested for a specialization — in most cases, it is impossible to do so. Use these suggestions alongside advice from your faculty adviser and the checklists in the MA Guide to choose courses that best suit your career goals.

The Archives and School Library Media tracks, and certificates with the Business School have track-specific required courses; otherwise, these courses are not required.

Some SLIS courses, indicated by *, are typically offered once every two years or less.

SLIS cannot control how often non-SLIS courses are offered. Many require consent of instructor. Most external courses are not offered online.

For more information see: http://www.slis.wisc.edu/otherspec.htm.

Academic Librarianship
(see SLIS specializations web page)

Archives & Records Administration
(see SLIS specializations web page)

Art Librarianship
A prior or concurrent degree in art or art history, plus knowledge of at least one foreign language, is recommended to be competitive for art library positions. See UW-Madison Art History program.

Tier 2:
635: Reference & Information Service
639: Information Literacy Pedagogy
644: Digital Tools, Trends & Debates
654: Information Services Management
655: Collection Management

Tier 3:
570: History of Books & Print Culture
751: Database Design
755: Electronic Resource Management & Licensing
839* Topic: Special Collections

Book, Print and Media Studies

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

Courses outside SLIS:
Art Hist 601*: Intro to Museum Studies I
Art Hist 602*: Intro to Museum Studies II
Art Hist 701: Practicum in Art History (does not fulfill practicum requirement)

Practicum: in an art library or museum

Art, Print and Media Studies

Tier 2:

650: Art History

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
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645: Intellectual Freedom

Book, Print and Media Studies

Tier 2:

639: Information Literacy Pedagogy
655: Collection Management

Tier 3:

569*: History of American Librarianship
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Cataloging, Metadata & E-resource Management
(see SLIS specializations web page)

Children and Young Adult (YA) Services
(see SLIS specializations web page, “Youth Services”)

Digital Libraries and Resources
(see SLIS specializations web page)

678*: Preservation & Conservation of Library and Archives Materials
755: Electronic Resource Management & Licensing
839*: Topic: Special Collections
855: Publishing E-Revolutions (Summer class)
861: Information Architecture

Courses outside SLIS:
See the PhD minor for the Center for the History of Print Culture for suggested courses and departments: http://www.slis.wisc.edu/chpcphd.htm

Cataloging, Metadata & E-resource Management
(see SLIS specializations web page)

Children and Young Adult (YA) Services
(see SLIS specializations web page, “Youth Services”)

Digital Libraries and Resources
(see SLIS specializations web page)
**Consumer Health Librarianship**

*Tier 2:*
635: Reference & Information Service  
654: Management of Information Agencies  
661: Information Ethics & Policy  
710: Research Methods for LIS  

*Tier 3:*
617*: Health Information Systems (crosslisted with Industrial Engineering)  
653*: Document Structures and Metadata: XML and Linked Data  
668: Digital Curation  
751: Database Design  
755: Electronic Resource Management & Licensing  
847*: Topic: Consumer Health Information  
853: Metadata Standards and Applications  
861: Information Architecture or LSC 532: Web Design for the Sciences  

*Courses outside SLIS:*
Journ/Comm Arts 617: Health Communication in the Information Age; SOC 531 Sociology of Medicine; SOC 532 Health Care Issues for Individuals, Families and Society; SOC 533 Public Health in Rural & Urban Communities; Comm Arts 610 Rhetoric of Health; Public Affairs 864 Health Policy and Policy Design

**Information Innovation and Organizational Change**  
*(see SLIS specializations web page)*

**Law Librarianship**  
*Refer to Special Librarianship section*

**Management of Information Innovation and Change with UW-Madison School of Business**  
*(see SLIS specializations web page)*

**Music Librarianship**

*A prior or concurrent advanced degree in music is recommended to be competitive for music library positions.*

*For the official UW Madison LIS-music double degree, refer to [http://www.music.wisc.edu/slis](http://www.music.wisc.edu/slis)*

*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:*
619: Music Research Methods & Materials (crosslisted with Music, hosted by Music)  
751: Database Design  
853: Metadata Standards and Applications  
861: Information Architecture  
879: Digital Libraries  

**Practicum**: LIS 620 in a music library  

*Courses outside SLIS:*
Music theory, history, ethnomusicology, or composition courses, up to 9 credits.

**Public Librarianship**

*Tier 2:*
635: Reference & Information Service  
639: Information Literacy Pedagogy  
654: Information Services Management  
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  
653: Government Information Sources  
655: Information Services to Diverse Populations  
712: Public Libraries  
772: Library Services to Children & YA  
755: Electronic Resource Management & Licensing  
853: Metadata Standards and Applications  
861: Information Architecture  
879: Digital Libraries  

**Journ 670 Community Service Learning:**  
Technology for Social Change; ELPA 705 Community Building, Action and Learning: Leadership Dynamics; SOC 573 Community Organization and Change; SOC 617 Community Development; Social Work 575 Community Development in Social Welfare or other Social Work classes; Public Affairs 734 Regional Economic Problem Analysis; Public Affairs 875 Public Personnel Administration; Public Affairs 878 Public Management; Public Affairs 883 Politics of Poverty, Inequality, and Social Policy; Public Affairs 887 Non Profit Leadership (cross listed with Social Work);
Possible specialization in library and information studies

Reference/Adult Services

**Tier 2:**
- 635: Reference & Information Service
- 639: Information Literacy Pedagogy
- 644: Digital Tools, Trends & Debates
- 654: Management of Information Agencies
- 655: Collection Management
- 661: Information Ethics & Policy

**Tier 3:**
- 616: Records Management
- 652*: XML, Document Structures, and Metadata
- 653: Government Information Sources
- 668: Digital Curation
- 732: Strategic Information Services/Corporate & Specialized Info Services
- 751: Database Design (recommended over 861)
- 755: Electronic Resource Management & Licensing
- 853*: Metadata Standards and Applications

**Practicum:** 620 and/or 826

Courses outside SLIS: JOURN 670 Community Service Learning: Technology for Social Change

School Library Media
*(see SLIS specializations web page)*

Science Librarianship/Applied Informatics
*(see SLIS specializations web page)*

Special Librarianship

**Tier 2:**
- 635: Reference & Information Service

**Public Affairs 530 Ethics and Values in Policy Making;**

Youth Services
*(see SLIS specializations web page)*

For law librarianship or information policy emphasis, also consider:

- 620 (in a law library or information advocacy non profit)
- 645: Intellectual Freedom
- 661: Information Ethics & Policy
- 663: Introduction to Cyberlaw

Courses outside SLIS: Courses from Law School or upper level Legal Studies courses; JMC J810 Mass Communication Law and Policy; JMC 676 Digital Media, Law and Ethics SOC 641 Sociology of Law: Public Affairs 420 Administrative Law;