The School of Library & Information Science provides education for careers in all types of libraries and information centers leading to the master’s degree (MLIS) in Library and Information Science. The School’s master’s degree is accredited by the American Library Association, and the School is a member of the Association for Library and Information Science Education.

A broad general education is the best preparation for library and information science. Undergraduates are advised to develop strong subject emphases in the areas of their special interests and abilities, since every field of knowledge is useful in the information professions. The school does not require a foreign language for admission; however, course work in one or more foreign languages is advisable for those who expect to prepare for careers in research or technical libraries. Students who expect to become librarians in elementary or secondary schools should plan their undergraduate programs with state teacher certification requirements in mind.

Students working toward the master’s degree are enrolled in the Graduate School; therefore, applicants must meet the general Graduate School requirements in addition to the School of Library & Information Science requirements. Application forms may be obtained from the office of the dean. Admission will be based on the candidate’s scholastic record and aptitude for a career in the information professions.

Requirements for the Master of Library and Information Science degree are as follows:
• satisfactory completion of a minimum of 40 semester hours (see the “Graduate School Regulations” for rules on transfer credit);
• successful performance on a written comprehensive final examination;
• completion of the degree program in five years. (Credit for individual courses taken more than five years before the completion of the program may be validated with the permission of the instructor of the course and the dean, and with approval of the dean of the Graduate School. Requirements for so doing are set in SLIS PS14.)