

Programmatic Performance and Student Achievement

Retention Rate

The calculation of retention rate is based on students beginning the program in the fall semester and graduating within the five-year limit allowed for completion of all requirements.

Fall 2007	94.3%
Fall 2008	75.4%
Fall 2009	69.2%
Fall 2010	74.2%
Fall 2011	80.4%
Fall 2012	82.6%

Average Time to Degree Completion

MLIS students are allowed five years (60 months) to complete all requirements for the degree. Time to degree is impacted by many factors, including full-time/part-time status, whether the student takes courses in the Summer, natural disasters such as hurricanes and floods, and the need to reduce the course load or take a leave of absence due to personal/familial or professional demands, including military service. Students may also transfer a maximum of six credits from outside LSU toward the degree with the approval of their advisor and the director.

The majority of students complete the degree well within the 60-month allowance. In 2017, 9% of students completed in 13-18 months, 37% in 19-24 months, 24% in 25-30 months, 4% in 31-36 months, 7% in 37-42 months, 4% in 43-48 months, and 5% in 49-60 months. This reflects the fact that a majority of our students are part-time.

Employment Statistics

2017 – 2018 Employment Statistics

A survey was distributed to the 47 individuals who graduated during the 2017-2018 academic year (this only includes graduates of the MLIS program, not the certificate programs). Twenty-three individuals responded (55.3%). Sixteen respondents (69.56%) indicated employment within the field.

2016-2017 Employment Statistics

A survey was distributed to the 37 individuals who graduated during the 2016-2017 academic year (this only includes graduates of the MLIS program, not the certificate programs). Twenty-three individuals responded (62.16%).

Employment Status

Seventeen individuals (73.91%) are employed. Of those, 15 are employed full-time (65.21%) and two are employed part-time (8.70%). Four individuals are not currently employed (17.39%) and two surveys did not include a response (8.70%).

Employment Environments

- Public Library – 9 (52.94%)
- Academic Library – 5 (29.41%)
- School Library – 1 (5.88%)
- Corporation – 1 (5.88%)

- No response – 1 (5.88%)

Job Titles

Individuals who are employed reported the following job titles:

Assistant Branch Manager – 1
Programming Supervisor – 1
Project Manager - 1
Cataloging and Reference Librarian – 1
Librarian – 4
On-Call Librarian - 1
Scholarly Engagement Librarian – 1
Systems and Information Resources Librarian – 1
Technical Services Librarian - 1
Teen Librarian – 2

Salaries

The range of salaries reported is \$28,000 - \$75,000. The median salary is \$37,500.

Geographic Locations

Fourteen graduates are currently working in the state of Louisiana (82.35%). Three graduates are currently working in other states: Oklahoma, Oregon and Wisconsin.

Notable Student/Graduate Accomplishments

During the past eighteen months students completed competitive internships at the Eastman House (Rochester, NY), the Smithsonian Institute, National Public Radio, and the Museum of the Moving Image.

In the past two years, two SLIS students have been selected for the Student-to-Staff program by ALA.

In the past four years, four recent graduates were selected as ALA Emerging Leaders.

An alumna received a Fulbright Specialist Award to complete a project at the National Library of Kosovo.

From 2016 to 2018, SLIS alumni served as: Executive Director of the Association of Research Libraries, Executive Director of the Young Adult Library Services Association, President of the Association of College & Research Libraries, and President of the Library Leadership and Management Association.