

## Admissions Criteria

1. Admission by the Graduate School.
2. Additional documentation may be required of all applicants at the discretion of the Director or the Admissions, Scholarship and Recruitment Committee.
3. Unconditional admission will be granted to applicants who have :
  - a. A grade-point average of at least 3.0 (“A”= 4) on the final 60 hours (half degree requirement) of undergraduate work and 3.0 on any graduate-level work. *Only the graduate gpa will be considered for those who have earned a graduate degree.*
  - b. An essay of at least 1,000 words that answers these three questions :
    - i. Why do you want to earn an MLIS?
    - ii. What are your career goals and objectives?
    - iii. How will an MLIS from LSU SLIS help you to achieve these goals?
  - c. Applicants wishing to be considered for scholarships should also submit official GRE scores (Verbal, Quantitative and Analytical Writing) no more than five years old. Other standardized graduate admissions exams may be considered (GMAT, MAT, LSAT, MCAT, etc.). These scores will be used for awarding scholarships only, not for admissions decisions. *This requirement is waived for those with a 3.8 or higher undergraduate gpa or a graduate degree.*
4. Provisional admission may be considered for an applicant who appears to be admissible on the basis of credentials submitted, but who is unable to supply all of the required official records prior to registration. A student admitted provisionally must submit complete and satisfactory records within 60 days (45 days in summer term) after the first day of registration. If these credentials are not received by the date specified or if they prove to be unsatisfactory, the student will not be permitted to register for other courses. Provisional admission does not guarantee subsequent regular admission.
5. Probationary admission may be recommended for applicants who fail to meet the admissions criteria, but are judged by the Director and the Admissions, Scholarship and Recruitment Committee to show promise for successful graduate work. The final determination is made by the Graduate School. Students recommended for probationary admission must have:
  - a. A grade-point average of at least 2.75 (“A”= 4) on the final 60 hours (half degree requirement) of undergraduate work and 3.0 on any graduate-level work previously taken. Applicants with a gpa of less than 2.75 on undergraduate work must have completed a minimum of nine hours of graduate work with at least a 3.33 gpa for those courses in order to be considered for admission.
  - b. Official GRE scores (Verbal, Quantitative and Analytical Writing) no more than five years old of at least 300 composite and 3.5 writing. Other standardized graduate admissions exams will be considered (GMAT, MAT, LSAT, etc.)

- c. An essay of at least 1,000 words that answers these four questions :
  - i. Why do you want to earn an MLIS?
  - ii. What are your career goals and objectives?
  - iii. How will an MLIS from LSU SLIS help you to achieve these goals?
  - iv. What lead to your lack of achievement as an undergraduate and how have you overcome those difficulties?

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