MLIS Required Courses

MLIS Core Course Requirement – 12 credits
[Take within the first 18 credits of the program]
- LBSC 602 Serving Information Needs
- LBSC 631 Achieving Organizational Excellence
- LBSC 671 Creating Information Infrastructures

[Take after completing 18 credits]
- LBSC 791 Designing Principled Inquiry

Field Study Course Requirement – 3 credits  [Take after completing 18 credits]
- LBSC 707 Field Study in Library Science [online]
- LBSC 703 Field Study in Archives, Records and Information Management [in-person]

Elective Course Requirement – 21 credits

Below are suggested courses based on specialization areas. You can choose courses from one or more of these specializations that align with your interests and career goals. A number of other electives will also be offered each semester. Every semester advisors will notify you of additional electives being offered.

If you would like to complete the School Library Specialization, please click here for those requirements.

Specializations are not required. Students may pursue an Individualized Program Plan in which they select courses from across the curriculum. Students are welcome to take any of the classes listed under specializations or other electives that are offered.

*If you have any questions about course planning, please contact the MLIS Program Advisor, Nicole Pietrucha (npietruc@umd.edu).*

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Specializations

In addition to the classes listed below, other electives will be offered each semester that may be relevant to the specializations.

Please Note: We cannot guarantee when courses will be offered and in what format.

Note: Courses below do not have *prerequisites except where noted in red. Permission of instructor can sometimes be used in lieu of prerequisites. Please contact your advisor if you have any questions.

Archives & Digital Curation – Suggested Courses
- INST 604 Introduction to Archives & Digital Curation
- INST 641 Policy and Ethics in Digital Curation *INST604
- INST 785 Documentation, Collection, and Appraisal Records *INST604
- INST 782 Arrangement, Description, and Access for Archives *INST604
- INST 742 Implementing Digital Curation *INST604
- INST 746 Digitization of Legacy Holdings *INST604
- INST 747 Research in Advanced Digital Curation *INST604
- LBSC 786 Library and Archives Preservation *INST604

Diversity and Inclusion – Suggested Courses
- INST 610 Information Ethics
- INST 612 Information Policy
- INST 613 Information and Human Rights
- INST 614 Literacy and Inclusion
- INST 620 Diverse Populations, Inclusion, and Information
- INST 622 Information and Universal Usability
- LBSC 713 Planning and Evaluating Library and Information Services *LBSC602
- LBSC 723 Advocacy and Support for Information Services

Intelligence & Analytics – Suggested Courses
- INFM 700 Information Architecture *INFM603
- INST 607 Government Information
- INST 616 Open Source Intelligence
- INST 627 Data Analytics for Information Professionals
- INST 641 Policy and Ethics in Digital Curation *INST604
- INST 760 Data Visualization *INST630 or INFM603
- INST 762 Visual Analytics *INST630 or INFM603
- INST 767 Big Data Infrastructure *INST737

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Legal Informatics – Suggested Courses
- INST 607 Government Information
- INST 610 Information Ethics
- INST 612 Information Policy
- INST 615 Information Professionals and the Law
- INST 725 Legal Research for Information Professionals
- INST 753 Information Governance and Data Quality *INFM603

Youth Experience - Suggested Courses
- INST 614 Literacy and Inclusion
- INST 620 Diverse Populations, Inclusion, and Information
- INST 622 Information and Universal Usability
- INST 650 Facilitating Youth Learning in Formal and Informal Environments
- INST 651 Promoting Rich Learning with Technology
- INST 652 Design Thinking and Youth
- LBSC 641 Selecting and Evaluating of Resources for Learning
- LBSC 645 Literature and Material for Children
- LBSC 646 Literature and Material for Young Adults
- LBSC 713 Planning and Evaluating Library and Information Services *LBSC602
- LBSC 742 Collaborative Instructional Design and Evaluation *INST650

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