Students in the Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) program are able to tailor their degree program to their specific career goals through a variety of specialization options:

**Archives and Digital Curation** - With information growing at a rapid pace, there is a critical need for information professionals to manage records and data that drive organizational and societal decision making. The Archives and Digital Curation specialization prepares students to be experts in preserving, managing, and providing enhanced access to collections of records and information, both physical and digital, that span industries and disciplines.

**Diversity and Inclusion** - Equal access to information in our society leads to equal opportunity for education, jobs, health resources, and much more. The Diversity and Inclusion specialization prepares students to be innovators and stewards of information access through the development and integration of information services, resources, and technologies that serve diverse and often underserved populations.

**Intelligence and Analytics** - Increasingly, government agencies and government contractors are looking to LIS graduates to apply their skills in finding, organizing, and evaluating information in the realm of intelligence gathering and analysis. The Intelligence and Analytics specialization prepares students to apply these skills in policy areas such as privacy and cybersecurity.
Legal Informatics - The Legal Informatics Specialization is designed for students who wish to work with legal information in a wide range of settings, including law firms, government agencies, academic and public law libraries, and archives. Students become experts in managing legal information and resources, conducting legal and policy analysis, evaluating legal resources, advocating for legal information needs, and teaching legal information literacy.

School Library - The School Library specialization prepares students to be experts in library and information services in K-12 schools while pursuing the requirements for school library certification in the state of Maryland. Students also learn key issues, theory, and practices impacting the field. Through this advanced curriculum, graduates are prepared to be dynamic school library professionals who are leaders in their school communities and the broader LIS field.

Youth Experience (YX) - With rapidly evolving information and technology, libraries, museums, schools, and other youth-focused institutions have a growing need for professionals to develop and manage programs that support youth learning. The YX specialization prepares students to design and implement programs, services, technology, and policies that support a young person’s learning, development, and everyday digital practices.

Individualized Program Plan (IPP) - The IPP specialization allows students to design their own course of study based on interests, career goals, and the knowledge areas in which they want to build their skills. Students who select IPP may combine existing specializations or work with an advisor to create a completely unique program of study.