Library and Information Science Program

The mission of the Library and Information Science Program is to prepare students to assume professional roles in varied and evolving library and information environments.

The LIS Program draws upon the richness and diversity of its urban setting to enrich student learning experiences. It recruits local practitioners and other experts from a wide variety of private and public institutions in the Detroit metropolitan area as part-time faculty members. Information professionals employed throughout the metropolitan area are also frequently invited to be guest speakers for courses and special programs. The proximity of hundreds of information centers and libraries, as well as large business, medical, and cultural centers, offers students numerous opportunities for practice and observation. These opportunities help students to integrate the theoretical and practical aspects of the LIS Program.

Department of History

The graduate program in history offers advanced education for qualified students who wish to develop the analytical and research skills appropriate to the study of history. The purpose of historical research and writing is to advance understanding of the past, to place the problems of the contemporary world in historical perspective, and to furnish insight about the future. Advanced degrees in history serve several audiences, chief among them being those intent upon a teaching career at the secondary, junior college or university level, those interested in employment in government research, or in the management of archival resources. Private sector businesses consider a history degree to be valuable for their generalists because of its emphasis on reading, writing and analytical thinking.

Current Students

Students currently enrolled in either the History or Library and Information Science graduate program and interested in obtaining the joint degree must be accepted to the other program prior to finishing their degree requirements. LIS students should apply to the History program prior to the completion of 29 credits. History students should apply for admission to the LIS Program prior to completing 28 credits.

Students who have completed either the master’s degree in history or library and information science will not be eligible to enroll in the joint degree program.

Career Opportunities

- Historic agency administration
- Archives
- Records management
- Library administration
- Government information
- Reference services
- Museums
- Publishing
- Rare books/manuscripts

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### About the Program

The combination of these degrees provides education and training for those seeking employment in large libraries, archives and historical agencies. Increasingly, employers have recognized that librarians, archivists, museum employees, manuscript curators, records managers and historical agency staffers use skills requiring both advanced information management and historical knowledge.

Interest in library and information studies, history, genealogy, historic preservation and archives management creates a demand for professionals with expertise in both historical methods and information management. The joint degree program in Library and Information Science and History will assist in meeting this demand.

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### Applicants to this 57 credit-hour program must be admitted to both the Library and Information Science and the Department of History master’s degree programs.

Students of this joint program will earn an MA in History and the MLIS degree. Graduates of the program will subsequently increase their job market potential and be prepared to enter a new workforce that is able to appraise and describe historical records, create websites, and preserve electronic documents.

Applicants to this 57 credit-hour program must be admitted to both the Department of History and the Library and Information Science master’s degree programs. Candidates must complete the required courses for both programs in order to graduate.

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### Degree Requirements

#### In Library and Information Science, students will complete 29 hours of LIS credits and 7 hours of History credits:
- 18 credits of required LIS courses
  - LIS 6010 Introduction to the Information Profession
  - LIS 6080 Information Technology
  - LIS 6120 Access to Information
  - LIS 6210 Organization of Knowledge
  - LIS 7040 Library Administration and Management
  - LIS 7996 Research in Library and Information Science
- 11 credits of elective LIS courses
- 7 credits of history elective courses

Total: 36 hours of study for the MLIS degree

#### In History, students will complete 28 hours of History credits, and 7 hours of LIS credits:
- HIS 7999 Master’s Essay Direction
- HIS 7830 Methods and Research and History

22 Hours of electives of which there must be:
- A minimum of 3 History courses in major field
- A minimum of 2 History courses in minor field
- 4 History courses must be at the 7000 level
- At least one 8000 level History seminar

- 7 Hours of LIS courses

Total: 35 hours of study for MA History degree

**Total for both degrees = 57 credits**

14 hours are double-counted

### Admission Requirements

#### LIS Admission Requirements
- Graduate School application
- All official transcripts
- Minimum GPA of 2.75
- Personal statement reflecting relevant personal and academic background and experience
- Current resume or curriculum vitae
- Meet the Program’s Requirements for Computer Literacy

#### HIS Admission Requirements
- Graduate School application
- All official transcripts
- Minimum GPA of 3.00; 3.25 GPA in History
- GRE, general test
- Letter of intent
- Writing sample
- Two letters of recommendation from former professors