### Library and Information Science
#### At IUPUI

**Master of Library Science-Academic Librarianship Specialization Degree Checklist**

36 Credit Hours + S401

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**PREREQUISITE:**
- **Demonstrate Basic Technical Expertise** – must be fulfilled before completion of 9 credit hours
  - S401 Computer-Based Information Tools (3 credits-Pass/Fail) 3 ______ _____
  - Or
  - S401 Waiver (http://lis.iupui.edu/student/current/401.asp) waive _____

**FOUNDATIONS (15 hours):** one course from each area
- **Assist and Educate Users of Libraries and Information Centers**
  - S501 Reference 3 ______ _____
- **Develop and Manage Library Collections**
  - S502 Collection Development and Management 3 ______ _____
- **Organize and Represent Information Resources**
  - S503 Organization and Representation of Knowledge and Information 3 ______ _____
  - S504 Cataloging 3 ______ _____
- **Apply Management and Leadership Skills**
  - S552 Academic Library Management 3 ______ _____
- **Conduct and Analyze Research** (both are recommended, one is required)
  - S505 Evaluation of Library Sources and Services 3 ______ _____
  - S506 Introduction to Research and Statistics 3 ______ _____

**Required Courses (9 hours):**
- S574 Instructional Strategies for Library and Information Professionals 3 ______ _____
- S533 Online Searching 3 ______ _____
- S604 Scholarly Communication 3 ______ _____

**Recommended Electives (12 Hours):**
- **Approach Professional Issues with Understanding** 12
- Electives for Specialization:
  - S522 Social Science Information 3 ______ _____
  - S652 Health Sciences Librarianship 3 ______ _____
  - S654 Law Librarianship 3 ______ _____
- Electives, Technology-Focused:
  - S532 Information Architecture for the Web 3 ______ _____
  - S554 Library Systems 3 ______ _____
  - S652 Digital Libraries 3 ______ _____
- Electives, General:
  - S550 Perspectives on Librarianship 3 ______ _____
  - S603 Grant Writing 3 ______ _____
  - S622 Resources and Services for People with Disabilities 3 ______ _____
- Other Electives:
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Master of Library Science
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Master of Library Science (MLS) is a 36-credit hour program accredited by the American Library Association. The “MLS Degree” is innovatively designed to meet the new challenges of our profession. Students in the program are introduced to the roles and functions of libraries in contemporary society. They become familiar with key policy issues and technological trends, and with how these issues and trends affect libraries and information centers of all kinds. Students learn to manage and evaluate collections, respond to the information needs of patrons, and to use technology to improve access to information. Students who complete the program are prepared for careers in library administration, public services, technical services, reference services, and collection development at public, school, academic, and special libraries. Students may complete the MLS requirements on the Indianapolis or Bloomington campuses.

Upon completion of the MLS program, graduates will be prepared to:

1. Assist and Educate Users of Libraries and Information Centers
   • Analyze and identify information needs that represent a variety of age, academic, economic, and social groups and apply appropriate search strategies for effective and efficient information retrieval in each situation.
   • Educate users and potential users of information systems to locate and evaluate information resources.
   • Analyze and evaluate the provision of information systems and services in a variety of library and information settings.

2. Develop and Manage Library Collections
   • Prepare and apply policies and procedures that support the selection and acquisition of information resources, which will meet the information needs of an organization, institution, or community.
   • Manage, evaluate and preserve collections of information resources.

3. Organize and Represent Information Resources
   • Understand and effectively apply principles of representation and systems of organization to provide access to resources in a variety of library and information environments.

4. Apply Management and Leadership Skills
   • Understand a wide range of organizational structures and management and leadership styles; demonstrate positive attitudes and constructive actions that characterize innovative leadership.
   • Recognize the value of collaborative planning and project management.
   • Apply the interpersonal and organizational skills necessary to manage and evaluate projects and personnel successfully.
   • Work effectively within and across a variety of organizational structures.
   • Communicate an organization’s values and contributions, and identify sources that will support the organization’s activities.

5. Conduct and Analyze Research
   • Understand and apply research and evaluation methods to investigate questions related to the acquisition, representation, organization, use and/or dissemination of information.
   • Analyze and interpret findings of such research and evaluation.

6. Demonstrate Basic Technical Expertise
   • Understand the basic applications of modern technology in today’s libraries and other information environments.

7. Approach Professional Issues with Understanding
   • Comprehend the social, political, and legal aspects of information creation, access, and ownership.
   • Engage in continued learning in professional organizations in library and information science.

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