

Department of **Library and Information Studies**



**MLS in
Information and
Library Science**

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION



University at Buffalo *The State University of New York*

WHY CHOOSE LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE?

Have you considered a career in the information world? Information professionals connect people with information using traditional and innovative technologies. The Department of Library and Information Studies (LIS) provides future and current professionals with the skills necessary to bridge the gap between people and information.

Our graduates apply their Information Science perspective, knowledge, and skills to system design and service design, geared toward a variety of diverse populations, cultures and contexts.

Information professionals report high levels of job satisfaction, citing the rewards of working with diverse clientele and making a positive difference while engaged in a variety of responsibilities in excellent working environments. Our graduates are sought by information agencies and libraries in the private, public, government and academic sectors because of their cutting-edge skills with both print and digital media.

Library and Information Science is for those who enjoy:

- Blogging
- Social media
- Web design
- Presenting programs
- Training and education

Career Opportunities:

- Webmaster
- Children's Librarian
- Information Officer
- IT Director
- Taxonomist
- Library Director
- Instructional Designer
- Storyteller
- Technical Writer
- Systems Analyst
- Information Broker/Consultant

Learn more about

- New and innovative technologies
- Knowledge management
- Information organization
- Information access
- Information Use
- Information Literacy



WHAT DOES LIS AT UB OFFER?

Graduate programs and advanced certificates include:

- MLS in Information and Library Science
- MLS with School Library Media Specialist Certification
- MLS/JD (Law) dual degree in Legal Information Management and Analysis
- MLS/MA (Music) dual degree for MLS with concentration in Music Librarianship
- Library and Information Science Advanced Certificate

To apply, please visit gse.buffalo.edu/apply

"The program at UB offers a great deal of flexibility. Besides taking select courses, I got to determine my own path. Professors came from different backgrounds and each contributed a unique perspective to my education."

- LIS Graduate



WHY CHOOSE THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO?

The MLS program at UB, accredited by the American Library Association since 1972, is a 36 credit hour program (approximately 12 courses). Students come from varied undergraduate majors in the social sciences, humanities, and sciences. Students enter the program directly upon completing their undergraduate degrees or turn to information science as a new career. An optional specialization in school librarianship (39 credit hours) leads to careers as School Library Media Specialists with corresponding certification from the New York State Department of Education. Degrees can additionally be paired through collaboration with the UB School of Law and the Department of Music in the College of Arts and Sciences for those seeking careers in legal or music contexts.

The MLS program is a flexible program, with more than half of the credit hours coming from elective and online optional courses, with options for individualized research on special topics in library and information science, allowing you to tailor your course of study to meet your professional goals.

OUR SUPPORTIVE LEARNING COMMUNITY

Study with nationally recognized faculty and work with dozens of local libraries while completing innovative research, internships and practicums, and projects. Our faculty are experts in information science, librarianship, and other interdisciplinary specialties. Their teaching is informed by professional expertise and cutting-edge research.

Faculty Research Interests:

- Application of artificial intelligence techniques to build user interfaces
- Children's use of information technology
- Cross-language information retrieval
- Data mining and machine learning
- Impact of censorship challenges on libraries
- Impact of school libraries on academic achievement and student learning
- Information categorization and extraction
- Information literacy
- Social network analysis

AN AFFORDABLE AND HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION

UB offers an elite SUNY education at a reasonable price, making UB a great value. In fact, UB is a fraction of the cost of most private schools. In addition to affordable tuition, we offer many opportunities for financial aid, scholarships and assistantships.

Learn more about the affordability of our MLS degree:

grad.buffalo.edu/costs.html



Online and On Campus Options:

"I chose this program because it was completely online and affordable." – MLS student



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