

SPECIALIZED STUDY IN INFORMATION SCIENCE, CERTIFICATE

Program Description

The Certificate of Specialized Study in Information Science is designed to complement graduate degree programs offered within the School of Information Science. It is designed to enhance the student's career opportunities, professional development, and career readiness by providing preparation and additional specialization in areas of study and concentration critical to those working in a variety of industries and capacities within the Library and Information Science field. The Certificate of Specialized Study in Information Science may also be of interest to students enrolled in other graduate degree programs wishing to gain specialized knowledge and skills in the field of Library and Information Science. Requirements for admission to the Certificate are the same as those for the MLIS program. Completion of the Certificate of Specialized Study in Information Science will acknowledge to the prospective employer the student's additional preparation for specific job responsibilities.

Learning Outcomes

1. Students will demonstrate an understanding of their professional development goals.
2. Students will demonstrate an understanding of what specialized knowledge and/or skills are needed to meet their professional development goals.
3. Students will demonstrate specialized knowledge and/or skills in a specific chosen area of the field.

Academic Progress

Students must present a grade point average of at least 3.0 (B average) on all courses taken in the program at the time of graduation. Students who earn a grade below B on more than six hours of course work or a grade of D, F, WF, or U in any course will not be allowed to continue in the program. Students who receive a grade below C in a course cannot apply the course toward graduation. Students who receive a grade of D+ or D in a required course (i.e. joint program requirements or NCATE requirements) must retake the course to attain a grade of at least a C.

Additionally, Graduate School policy states that graduate students whose cumulative grade point average (GPA) drops below 3.00 will be placed on academic probation and allowed one calendar year to raise the GPA to at least 3.00. Students who do not reach a cumulative 3.00 GPA during this grace period will not be permitted to enroll for further graduate work.