

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE, PH.D.

Students must complete an approved program of 54 credit hours of 700- and 800-level courses beyond the master's level, including a minimum of 12 hours of dissertation preparation with a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or above.

Learning Outcomes

1. Students will understand theory development and research methods and their application in the field of library and information science.
2. Students will demonstrate familiarity with seminal and contemporary scholarship involving major library and information science theories, problems, and practices.
3. Students will understand the theory, practice, resources, and technologies of college-level instruction, and demonstrate proficiency in instructional techniques.

Ph.D. in Library and Information Science

Admission to the Ph.D. program is competitive and is based on the strength of the applicant's educational background (with the expectation of an M.L.I.S. or master's-level degree in a related field), standardized test scores, work experience, a statement of research interests, and a personal interview.

Application requirements for the Ph.D. program include:

1. completing the Graduate School's online application form, including a written statement describing the applicant's anticipated research focus or interest and a nonrefundable \$50 application fee;
2. official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended;
3. for international students whose native language is not English, an official report showing a minimum score of 570 (230 computer-based) on the TOEFL or a minimum overall band score of 6.5 on the IELTS Academic Course Type 2 exam;
4. three letters of recommendation from persons able to comment on the applicant's academic ability and scholarly potential – letters of recommendation cannot come from family members;
5. a resume or curriculum vitae outlining the applicant's educational and professional achievements (sent directly to the School of Information Science);
6. following the receipt of all documents listed above, an interview with a member of the graduate faculty.

Degree Requirements (54 Post-Masters Hours)

Core Courses (15 Hours)

Course	Title	Credits
ISCI 801	Theoretical Issues in Library and Information Science	3
ISCI 802	Research Methods and Design in Information Science	3
ISCI 803	Information and Society	3
ISCI 804	Preparation for Academic Careers in Library and Information Science	3

ISCI 805	Information Policy and Ethics	3
Total Credit Hours		15

Research Methods (6 Hours)

Qualitative Methods (3 hours)

Chosen from advisor-approved options such as the following:

Course	Title	Credits
EDFI 731	Qualitative Inquiry	3
ANTH 719	Field Problems in Ethnology	3

Quantitative Methods (3 Hours)

Chosen from advisor-approved options such as the following:

Course	Title	Credits
STAT 700	Applied Statistics I	3
STAT 701	Applied Statistics II	3

ISCI Electives (12 Hours)

Chosen from advisor-approved 800-level seminars or 700-level courses appropriate to research interests and the production of work designed for scholarly publication or presentation.

Cognate Courses (9 Hours)

Chosen from advisor-approved courses from another discipline related to the student's research interests (i.e., mass communication, sociology, education, anthropology, computer science, English, geography, history, marketing, philosophy, political science, psychology, public administration).

Comprehensive Written and Oral Examinations Dissertation Preparation (12 Hours)

Course	Title	Credits
ISCI 899	Dissertation Preparation	12
Total Credit Hours		12