

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE, S.L.I.S.

Degree Requirements (30 Hours)

For the Specialist Degree in Library and Information Science degree, an approved Program of Study with 30 semester hours of graduate course work must be completed with a minimum grade point ration of 3.00 (B) overall. In partial fulfillment of the requirements for graduation, each student will submit an electronic portfolio documenting learning and professional growth during the Specialist program.

Course Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
ISCI 794	Internship in Library and Information Science	3
ISCI 796	Independent Study in Library and Information Science	3
Select 24 hours of electives		24
Total Credit Hours		30

- Any student who has not taken ISCI 705 or shown evidence of having completed its equivalent, will be required to satisfactorily complete it (with a grade of B or better) as an elective. (A research methods course satisfactorily completed (with a grade of B or better) in another discipline may be substituted for ISCI 705 at the discretion of the advisor.)

End-of-Program Portfolio Program of Study

A student may take up to 12 hours of course work in other colleges of the University upon approval by the advisor. No more than 9 of the total 30 hours of course work may be taken at another institution. Each student has the option of working with an advisor to complete a project adequate to the student's program of study that demonstrates the capacity to conduct, synthesize, and utilize research methodology in library and information science. The research project must be approved by the advisor. A maximum of 9 hours of ISCI 796 and ISCI 798 may be taken for the Specialist Degree. No more than 6 of these hours may be directly related to the optional research project. At the discretion of the Advisor up to six hours of graduate work taken prior to admission to the program may be included in the Specialist Degree provided the following:

1. none of the courses exceed the six year limitation noted above;
2. any course work in library and information science must be taken at a school accredited by ALA or approved by NCATE;
3. course work must be germane to the student's program and make a direct contribution to it;
4. course(s) must show on an official transcript (and a copy of the official course description and/or syllabus provided) and not have been used to earn another degree;
5. grades for the course(s) must be a B or higher.

Courses which will be more than six years old at the time the Specialist Degree is awarded may not be included in the student's Program of Study.