

SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

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As a professional school grounded strongly in the sciences and liberal arts, the School of Library and Information Science emphasizes the value of a broad educational foundation as well as proficiency in information and communication skills. Information Science is the study of the cognitive, social, technological, and organizational roles of information in all its forms and rests on three foundations: content, people, and technology. That is, the substance of the information being created, communicated, stored, and/or transformed; the people who interact with this content; and the technology used to support content creation, communication, storage, or transformation.

The program emphasizes research-based learning and incorporates opportunities for service learning, internship, and work-study in a wide range of public and private organizations and agencies. In addition to providing a strong background for graduate work in library and information science, law, social science, and business, the graduate will be well suited to compete for beginning level positions as a competitive intelligence analyst, consultant, database developer and analyst, data mining specialist, information architect, archivist and records manager, information broker, information consultant, Internet researcher, knowledge management consultant, online searcher, navigation designer, researcher/analyst, Web designer/developer/programmer, and others related to organizational needs for workers who understand information resources and services.

Progression Requirements

Each student within the school is expected to make orderly progress toward a baccalaureate degree. To facilitate this, the school's undergraduate program is divided into upper and lower divisions.

1. Lower-division students are those who have earned fewer than 60 semester hours toward the degree or who do not meet admission requirements to the upper division.
2. Admission to the upper division is based upon a minimum 2.50 cumulative UofSC GPA; completion of SLIS 201 and SLIS 202 with grades of **C** or higher; completion of 60 or more semester hours toward the degree; completion of most general education requirements (see below); selection of a particular program of study within the School; and selection and approval of a minor. All students desiring to be admitted to the upper division must formally apply for admission some time after completion of 45 semester hours and SLIS 201 and SLIS 202 and before completion of more than 75 hours of University course work.
3. All students must maintain a minimum 2.50 GPA on UofSC courses in order to maintain good standing in the School and to graduate with a B.S. in Information Science. Grades will be reviewed at the end of each semester. Students who have less than a 2.50 GPA on UofSC work are not in good standing and will be placed on probation within the School. With the exception of upper-division courses, they

may continue to take course work toward their degree if seats are available.

4. All majors within the School will be expected to pass all Information Science courses used toward the degree with a minimum grade of **C**.
5. No Information Science course may be repeated more than once by any student.

Second Degree

Students from other UofSC colleges who expect to obtain a second baccalaureate degree from the School of Library and Information Science meet regular admission and progression requirements of the School, must be assigned an Information Science advisor, and must formally apply to and be accepted by the School not later than the next-to-the-last semester in which the student expects to receive the Information Science degree.