School of Informatics and Computing

M.L.S. / Master of Arts in African American & African Diaspora Studies & Master of Library Science

Opportunities in African American and African diaspora studies continue to grow. In the dual Master of Library Science / Master of Arts in African American and African Diaspora Studies, you'll develop the information skills, subject knowledge, and research experience to prepare to work in settings such as academic libraries, digital library projects, special collections, businesses, government offices, and nonprofits.

You'll also earn two degrees in fewer credit hours—and less time—than it would take to earn them separately.

IU’s Department of African American and African Diaspora Studies offers the M.A.

How to Apply

You must apply for admission to—and meet the admission requirements for—both programs. See our program’s information for domestic students and international students.

Requirements (Minimum of 58 Credit Hours)

M.L.S. Foundation Requirements (18 cr.)

M.L.S. digital literacy requirement.

Complete one course from each of the foundation areas below.

Approach professional issues with understanding (3 cr.)
Z510 Introduction to Information Studies: Must be fulfilled before you complete 18 credit hours

Assistant and educate users, and develop and manage collections of information resources (3 cr.)

- Z501 User Services and Tools

Represent and organize information resources (3 cr.)

- Z503 Representation and Organization

Manage and lead libraries and other information organizations (3 cr.)

- Z551 Library Management
- Z552 Academic Library Management
- Z553 Public Library Management
- Z671 School Media

Use research effectively (3 cr.)

- Z505 Evaluation of Resources and Services
- Z506 Introduction to Research: Z501 and Z502 are prerequisites.

Deploy information technologies in effective and innovative ways (3 cr.): Courses in this list that are also M.I.S. requirements can count for both requirements.

- Z511 Database Design
- Z512 Information Systems Design
- Z516 Human Computer Interaction
- Z517 Web Programming
- Z532 Information Architecture for the Web
- Z534 Information Retrieval
- Z554 Library Systems
- Z556 Systems Analysis and Design
- Z634 Metadata
- Z636 Semantic Web
- Z637 Information Visualization
- Z652 Digital Libraries
- Z656 Information Technology Standardization
- Z661 Concepts and Contemporary Issues in Human-Computer Interaction

Additional M.L.S. Requirement (3 cr.)

Z521 Humanities Information or Z522 Social Science Information.

M.L.S. Electives (9 cr.)

Choose from information and library science courses.

M.A. Requirements (28 cr.)

The Department of African American and African Diaspora Studies provides information about the M.A. requirements.

Graduation

You will graduate after you finish both degrees—the degrees must be awarded simultaneously.
Tuition Rates

Different Indiana University schools charge different graduate tuition rates. For dual degrees, you will be coded in one of the two schools and pay that school’s tuition rate. To switch to the other school’s tuition rate, contact that department’s recorder as you near the halfway point in your program.

IU Resources and Professional Development

- African American Studies Librarians Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)
- African Studies Program (including language study)
- Archives of African American Music and Culture
- Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA)
- Black Film Center/Archive
- Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT)
- Indiana Black Librarians Network (IBLN)
- Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center
- Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center Library

Pre-Fall 2013 Requirements

If you began the M.L.S. / M.A. in African American and African Diaspora Studies before fall 2013, you have different requirements.
See the requirements »