Master of Public Affairs & Master of Information Science

How can you use information for the public good? The dual Master of Information Science / Master of Public Affairs will teach you. The program prepares you to work in a variety of settings, from nonprofits to governments to libraries/archives/collections to businesses.

You’ll earn two degrees in fewer credit hours—and less time—than it would take to earn them separately. And both degrees are impressive. U.S. News & World Report ranked our graduate programs eighth nationally and ranked the M.P.A.—which is offered by IU’s School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA)—second.

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 69 Credit Hours)

M.I.S. Requirements (21 cr.)

- Z510 Introduction to Information Studies (3 cr.)
- Z511 Database Design (3 cr.)
- Z513 Organizational Informatics (3 cr.)
- Z515 Information Architecture (3 cr.)
- Z516 Human Computer Interaction (3 cr.)
- Z556 Systems Analysis and Design (3 cr.)
- Programming Requirement (3 cr.); See the Programming Requirement
You must also complete the **technology literacy requirement**

**M.I.S. Electives (12 cr.)**

Choose from information and library science courses.

**M.P.A. Requirements (36 cr.)**

Contact SPEA for information about the M.P.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.

**Professional Development**

- Government Documents Round Table of the American Libraries Association (ALA)
- Government Information Division of the Special Libraries Association (SLA)
- Law and Political Science Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)

**Pre-Fall 2013 Requirements**

If you began the M.I.S. / M.P.A. before fall 2013, you have different requirements. See the requirements »