Pre-Fall 2013 Requirements

The Indiana University Department of Information and Library Science has updated the requirements for the Master of Library Science degree program – effective Fall 2013.

Please scroll to the second page of this document for the Pre-Fall 2013 degree requirements for this dual degree or specialization.
Degrees

Dual Degrees

Law (Doctor of Jurisprudence) and Master of Library Science

This dual degree is designed to prepare students for professional positions in law libraries and for students who want to enter the legal profession with the training and ability to do their own legal bibliography and research. The dual degree requires a minimum of 94 hours of graduate course work including a comprehensive set of required courses and overlapping electives in each of the degree programs. Students must apply for admission to the master's programs of both the School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) and the I.U. School of Law and meet the admissions criteria established for each. The two degrees must be awarded simultaneously.

In addition to the SLIS S401 prerequisite, students in this dual degree program will complete the listed requirements in SLIS that will total 30 credits.

*The MLS curriculum is being updated to help students stay current. We will be updating this page with the new requirements. As an interim tool, please use this MLS Degree Checklist – Effective Fall 2013 for your planning. Contact your advisor or the SLIS Office with any questions.

1. Prerequisite and Requirements

Prerequisite:
(3 undergraduate credit hours)
Must be fulfilled before completion of 9 credit hours
S401 - Computer-Based Information Tools

MLS Foundation:
(Each course is 3 credit hours, for a total of 15 hours)
Choose one course from each area:
- Assist and Educate Users
  - S501 - Reference
- Develop and Manage Collections of Information Resources
  - S502 - Collection Development and Management
- Represent and Organize Information Resources
  - S503 - Representation and Organization
  - S504 - Cataloging
- Manage and Lead Libraries and Other Information Organizations
  - S551 - Library Management
  - S552 - Academic Library Management
  - S553 - Public Library Management
  - S5671 - School Media
- Use Research Effectively
  - S506 - Introduction to Research
  - S519 - Evaluation of Information Systems
  - S505 - Evaluation of Resources and Services

2. Required

SLIS courses (6 credit hours)
- S654 - Law Librarianship
- S525 - Government Information

3. Electives

SLIS courses (9 credit hours)
4. Maurer School of Law Requirements

Requirements for the JD/MLS are available on the Maurer School of Law page.

Note on tuition costs:
Students in SLIS dual-degree programs may find variance in their tuition charges. There is not a standardized method of coding students in dual-degree programs. SLIS, the University Graduate School, the Law School, the School of Music, the School of Public and Environmental Affairs, the School of Journalism, and other academic units each charge different graduate tuition rates per credit hour. You will be coded in one school. If, as you near the half-way point in your dual degree program, you will contact either school (SLIS or your other unit), we can arrange to change your coding so that they second half of your degree will be charged at the other unit’s tuition rate. Check with the Recorder of either school if you have questions.

Related Links

- I.U. School of Law
- I.U. Law Library
  Tied for #1 for top law library per the Herald Times 10/28/04: "The National Jurist magazine ranked 183 law libraries on criteria such as number of volumes and ratio of librarians to students."
- American Association of Law Libraries: Scholarships
- Law and Political Science Section, Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)
- Special Libraries Association - Legal Division