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

Master of Public Affairs and Master of Library Science

This dual degree is designed to prepare students for professional positions in libraries and information centers. The dual degree requires a minimum of 66 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 School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) 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
  - S671 - School Media

Use Research Effectively
- S506 - Introduction to Research
- S519 - Evaluation of Information Systems
- S505 - Evaluation of Resources and Services

3. Electives

SLIS courses (15 credit hours)

4. SPEA Requirements

A minimum of 36 credit hours is required in SPEA. For specific requirements see the entry for the dual MLS-MPA program in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs Graduate Programs Bulletin.
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.