LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE, MLIS/HEALTH CARE INFORMATICS, MS

In collaboration with several other academic units at UW-Milwaukee, SOIS offers students the opportunity to obtain two Master's degrees concurrently—one in Library and Information Science (MLIS) and one in a subject area.

Degree Requirements

- The number of degree credits needed for each of the coordinated programs is usually 12 fewer than the sum of the two programs if they were not taken simultaneously. All degree requirements of each component must be satisfied.
- The MLIS portion of the coordinated degrees can be completed online.
- Prerequisite to the award of either degree in this program is the simultaneous award of its counterpart degree.

MLIS Component

The Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) component of each of the coordinated programs includes 30 credits of SOIS courses. These include the MLIS core courses (12 credits). The remaining 18 MLIS credits are selected from the School's offerings in accordance with the student's goals in the coordinated degree program.

MLIS/MS Health Care Informatics

The MLIS/MS Health Care Informatics Coordinated Degree Program is designed to provide students with theoretical and practical exposure to the evolving field of healthcare informatics as practiced in hospitals, clinics, professional offices, corporations, the government, the insurance industry, and higher education.

Admission Requirements

Application Deadlines

Application deadlines vary by program, please review the application deadline chart (http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/program-deadlines/) for specific programs. Other important dates and deadlines can be found by using the One Stop calendars (https://uwm.edu/onestop/dates-and-deadlines/).

Admission

Students are admitted to both graduate programs separately and admission requirements (http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/admission/) are consistent with those specified by the UWM Graduate School, the Department of Healthcare Informatics, and the MLIS program (http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/library-information-science/) of the School of Information Studies.

Credit and Courses

Students accepted into this MS/MLIS program complete the following courses:

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### Electives

Select at least four of the following: 12-15

- INFOST 521 Introduction to Reference Services and Resources
- INFOST 661 Information Ethics
- INFOST 714 Metadata
- INFOST 791 Topics in Library and Information Science
Students also must pass a comprehensive examination, or submit and successfully defend a thesis. The thesis option requires additional credits.

- Minimum Credits for MS: 29
- Minimum MLIS Credits: 27
- Minimum Total Credits for the Program: 56

The credits for the coordinated program would typically be completed in both programs at the same time, rather than one program after the other. A student not completing the requirements for the coordinated degree program would need to complete all requirements for an individual program in order to receive a degree.

**Important**
You must refer to the catalog pages of both individual master’s programs to ensure that you meet all requirements for both degrees.

**Additional Requirements**

**Time Limit**
Students in the coordinated MS/MLIS degree program must complete all degree requirements within seven years of the first enrollment semester as a degree student.