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 health care 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:
INFOST 791  Topics in Library and Information Science:  1-3

INFOST 835  Information Sources and Services in the Health Sciences  3

Other Elective
Select 3 credits  3

Total Credits  40-45

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.

Program 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.