ANTHROPOLOGY, MS/ LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE, MLIS

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 Anthropology

The MLIS/MS Anthropology Coordinated Degree Program (51 credits) prepares students for positions as curators of museum libraries; and as information specialists and researchers for local history collections and state historical societies.

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

An applicant must meet the UWM Graduate School requirements plus all admission requirements of both the School of Information Studies and the coordinated degree department. Please review the admission details of each program and contact an advisor with any questions.

Degree Requirements

Students enrolled in this program concurrently pursue the MS degree in Anthropology (https://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/anthropology/anthropology-ms/) (21 credits in Anthropology—9 fewer elective credits) and the MLIS degree (https://catalog.uwm.edu/community-engagement-professions/information-studies/library-information-science-mlis/) (30 credits in SOIS). Candidates for the coordinated degree program will be expected to fulfill the degree requirements of both programs. Degrees will be awarded simultaneously.

Credits and Courses

Students in the Master's degree program in Anthropology are required to take a minimum of 30 credits, some of which are obtained by taking required courses. Required courses differ by concentration (requirements for students seeking to acquire a Certificate in Museum Studies are listed on that page).

Archaeology Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
Core		
ANTHRO 801	A Survey of Physical Anthropology	3
ANTHRO 802	Perspectives on Prehistory	3
ANTHRO 803	Survey of Cultural Anthropology	3
Methods		
ANTHRO 568	Introduction to Anthropological Statistics	3
Select one of the following:		3
ANTHRO 380	Anthropological Applications of GIS	
ANTHRO 501	Archaeology of Death	
ANTHRO 525	Zooarchaeology: Analysis of Faunal Remains	
ANTHRO 535	Analysis of Archaeological Ceramics	
ANTHRO 562	Techniques and Problems in Archaeology	
ANTHRO 566	Archaeological Analysis and Report Preparation:	
ANTHRO 567	Archaeological Field School	
ANTHRO 768	Topics in Advanced Research Design in Anthropology	
Or an alternative approved by the advisor and the Director of Graduate Studies		
Advanced Seminar		
ANTHRO 763	Professionalism in Anthropology	3
Electives		
Select 12 credits		12
Total Credits		**30**

Biological Anthropology Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
Core		
ANTHRO 801	A Survey of Physical Anthropology	3
ANTHRO 802	Perspectives on Prehistory	3
ANTHRO 803	Survey of Cultural Anthropology	3
Methods		
ANTHRO 568	Introduction to Anthropological Statistics	3
Course approved by the advisor and the Director of Graduate Studies		3
Advanced Seminar		
Course approved by the advisor and the Director of Graduate Studies		3
Electives		

Select 12 credits	12
Total Credits	**30**

Cultural Anthropology Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
Core		
ANTHRO 801	A Survey of Physical Anthropology	3
ANTHRO 802	Perspectives on Prehistory	3
ANTHRO 803	Survey of Cultural Anthropology	3
Methods		
Select two of the following:		6
ANTHRO 560	Introduction to Research Methods in Anthropology	
ANTHRO 561	Techniques and Problems in Ethnography	
ANTHRO 568	Introduction to Anthropological Statistics	
Advanced Seminar		
ANTHRO 940	Seminar in Problems in Cultural Anthropology:	3
Electives		
Select 12 credits		12
Total Credits		**30**

Students may request a waiver for any of the above required courses except the advanced seminar. To request a waiver, a student must submit a letter to the Graduate Studies Committee. Requests must be accompanied by documentation demonstrating that the student is competent in the subject area of the course for which the waiver is sought. A waived course must be replaced by an anthropology course numbered 700 or above.

Students must maintain a B (3.0) average or better overall. The three core courses must be completed with an average of 3.0 or better. Students with a grade below a B in a core course subsequently accepted into the Ph.D. program must retake the course until they achieve a grade of B or better.

A thesis is required of all students; students may apply up to 6 credits of Research/Thesis courses toward meeting the minimum credits for the degree. The thesis must be formatted in accord with Graduate School requirements. Students will submit an electronic copy of the thesis to the Graduate School and a signed, unbound “hard” copy to the Department of Anthropology.

Basic Required MLIS Courses

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
INFOST 501	Foundations of Library and Information Science	3
INFOST 511	Organization of Information	3
INFOST 571	Information Access and Retrieval	3
INFOST 799	Research Methods in Information Studies	3
Other MLIS courses		**18**
Total Credits		**30**

Important

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

Anthropology MS Learning Outcomes

Students graduating from the Anthropology MS program will be able to:

- Demonstrate mastery of major theoretical and methodological approaches in biological anthropology, anthropological archaeology, and sociocultural anthropology. (Anthropological Concepts)
- Formulate a research problem and conduct research to investigate the problem using appropriate anthropological methods. (Research Competence)
- Produce a thesis fit for public dissemination that clearly formulates a research problem and presents the results of the study with reference to anthropological theory, including critical assessment of previous research and suggestions for future research directions. (Written Communication)
- Explain the research questions, methods, and outcomes of their research in the public forum of a thesis defense. (Oral Communication)
- Follow ethical principles appropriate to relevant subfields when undertaking research and in educational and professional contexts. (Ethics)

MLIS Mission, Goals, Objectives, and Learning Outcomes

Mission

The mission of the MLIS program is to educate the next generation of information professionals by offering a rigorous curriculum that fosters professional knowledge and skills, professional ethics, critical inquiry, and leadership to address the needs of a diverse and global information society.

Goals and Learning Objectives

Goal 1: To impart knowledge of library and information science (LIS).

Students will be able to…

1.1 Delineate and assess important social, political, and historical developments in library and information science and cultural heritage institutions.

1.2 Analyze the information needs, preferences, and behaviors of users.

1.3 Describe and evaluate the range of roles that LIS professionals fill in society.

1.4 Apply the philosophy, principles, and ethics of LIS to professional practice.

Goal 2: To prepare the next generation of professionals for leadership roles in library and information science.

Students will be able to…

2.1 Identify and evaluate the diverse functions of the LIS professions.

2.2 Prepare for change in a rapidly evolving professional landscape.

2.3 Apply principles and technologies for the organization, access, retrieval, and preservation of information.

2.4 Develop and evaluate library and information services and systems.

Goal 3: To prepare professionals who are able to serve the information needs of a diverse global society.

Students will be able to…

3.1 Identify, promote, and provide services to serve the needs of diverse stakeholders, including underserved populations.

3.2 Integrate the theory and practice of library and information science for diverse audiences in a global society.

Goal 4: To develop new scholars and information professionals who can evaluate and apply research findings.

Students will be able to…

4.1 Assess the merits of research and apply relevant findings to professional practice.

4.2 Apply research theory, methods, and techniques to solve problems in the LIS professions.