



ONLINE MASTER OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES

HARNESS TECHNOLOGY TO ENCOURAGE THE
FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION.

<p>DELIVERY FORMAT 100% Online</p>	<p>TIME TO COMPLETE 20+ Months</p>	<p>CREDIT HOURS 36</p>
<p>TIME COMMITMENT 10 to 20 Hours Weekly</p>	<p>START DATES Fall, Spring, Summer</p>	<p>COST The Master of Library and Information Studies delivers exceptional value, equipping you with the expertise to lead, innovate, and advance in your career. This degree opens doors to top-tier leadership roles and higher earning potential across libraries, archives, and information-driven industries. This program does not offer flat-rate tuition. Based on residency status, tuition and fees total \$18,446.40 for Oklahoma residents (\$512.40 per credit hour) and \$44,330.40 for non-residents (\$1,231.40 per credit hour). Books and additional materials are not included.</p>

AT A GLANCE

The online Master of Library and Information Studies from OU Online empowers you to lead in the evolving world of information. As the only ALA-accredited master’s program in Oklahoma, this degree prepares you to thrive in librarianship, archival studies, data science, and emerging tech-driven specializations.

You’ll build a strong foundation in information science and gain the practical skills needed to succeed as a dynamic, forward-thinking professional in today’s knowledge economy.

LEAD, CURATE, CONNECT: YOUR MLIS CAREER PATH

Earning a Master of Library and Information Studies degree from the University of Oklahoma prepares you for career advancement in a variety of careers that rely on information organization, management, storage, access and use within for-profit and non-profit institutions. Accelerate your career in these areas:

- Academic Librarian
- Archivist
- Digital Asset Manager
- Data Curator
- Public Librarian
- Knowledge Manager
- User Experience (UX) Librarian
- Media Specialist

INDUSTRY INSIGHTS

- Median Pay: \$64,320
- Job Outlook: Employment for librarians and library media specialists is expected to grow 3 percent by 2033.
- Job Openings: 13,300 openings for librarians and library media specialists are projected each year, on average, over the next decade

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: CORE COMPETENCIES FOR INFORMATION LEADERS

The University of Oklahoma's online MLIS program meets the rising demand for professionals who can harness the power of information to drive personal, social, and economic progress.

This program empowers graduates to lead in today's dynamic information landscape—developing expertise in organizing, managing, and preserving knowledge across digital and physical platforms. Students gain the skills to design inclusive information services, leverage emerging technologies, and support diverse communities through ethical and innovative practices.

- Design and manage information systems and services that support equitable access, intellectual freedom, and lifelong learning.

- Apply ethical and legal principles to the stewardship of information in libraries, archives, and digital environments.
- Organize, curate, and preserve information resources using current metadata standards, classification systems, and digital tools.
- Leverage emerging technologies and data science techniques to enhance information discovery, user experience, and decision-making.
- Engage with diverse communities to assess information needs and deliver inclusive, culturally responsive services.
- Demonstrate leadership and advocacy in promoting the role of information professionals in society.
- Communicate effectively across professional contexts, translating complex information issues for varied audiences and stakeholders.

TO APPLY: [HTTPS://ONLINE.OU.EDU/ADMISSIONS/GRADUATE/](https://online.ou.edu/admissions/graduate/)

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INFORMATION-STUDIES/](https://online.ou.edu/program/master-of-library-and-information-studies/)**

COURSE DETAILS

The Master of Library and Information Studies offers a comprehensive overview of key topics related to the management and categorization of information in a variety of fields.

Students will also choose 18 hours of electives as determined by the School of Library and Information Studies.

COURSE STRUCTURE

You'll earn 36 credit hours across 12 courses. You can expect a time commitment of 10 to 20 hours on average per week for two courses.

MANAGEMENT IN INFORMATION ORGANIZATIONS

Credit Hours: 3

Introduction to managerial principles and practices for information organizations such as libraries and archives, emphasizing financial administration, legal and ethical practices, organizational communication, operational efficiencies, personnel development, and planning processes.

INFORMATION AND SOCIETY

Credit Hours: 3

Introduction to conceptual foundations of the information society, including the nature of data, information, and knowledge; the evolution of national and global organizational information infrastructures; and ethical, legal, and social considerations for LIS professionals.

ORGANIZATION OF INFORMATION

Credit Hours: 3

Introduction to the organization of internal and external sources of information, information services and tools, basic concepts of information storage and retrieval systems, and design and structure of information systems. Students will become familiar with organization methods such as classification, cataloging, taxonomies and metadata, and how the organization of information is connected to information retrieval.

INFORMATION SEEKING AND USE

Credit Hours: 3

The course teaches information seeking and use by people in various roles, situations, and contexts, individually and in groups. The course examines information behavior through psychological, sociological, and political perspectives, examining theory and applying it to practical, real-life information environments.

FUNDAMENTALS OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Credit Hours: 3

Students will learn the fundamentals of information technology concepts and applications, understand and utilize emerging technologies to meet society's rapidly changing information needs, and apply these in solving various information problems.

RESEARCH AND EVALUATION METHODS

Credit Hours: 3

Methods of investigating library and information (LIS) problems; use of evaluation in planning for continuous quality assessment and improvement of LIS policies, processes, and procedures; development of original research designs; evaluation of research studies in LIS.

WHY CHOOSE OU ONLINE FOR A MASTER OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES DEGREE

OU Online offers high-quality, affordable, professional undergraduate and graduate programs in a flexible, online format from a top-tier public institution. Learn everything it takes to solve real-world problems that librarians and information professionals face. Practice what you learn by taking advantage of internship opportunities.

FACULTY EXPERTISE

The Master of Library and Information Studies is built on the foundation of world-class University of Oklahoma faculty mixed with professors of practice providing valuable instruction. By linking industry experts with our online programs, we offer the most advanced curriculum and prepare students for future career success.

ROBUST STUDENT SUPPORT

OU Online offers robust student support services, including academic support, online tutoring, mental health counseling, and an online career development center. The program accommodates the needs of working professionals, allowing you to expand your technical skills while maintaining full-time employment.

GLOBAL ALUMNI NETWORK

With more than 250,000 alumni across the world, becoming a Sooner means you'll have access to a strong network of librarians and information professionals to accelerate your career. As a Sooner, you'll be part of a powerful network of leaders working in organizations across the

world, helping you expand your career as a library and information professional.

COST & FINANCIAL AID

Earning your Master of Library and Information Studies is a powerful investment in your future, and OU Online is committed to making that investment clear and accessible.

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Financial aid, scholarships, and employer tuition assistance may be available to help reduce your out-of-pocket costs. Our dedicated financial services team will support you throughout every step of the funding process, allowing you to stay focused on your educational and career goals.

For questions about financial aid for your online program, contact the Online Aid office at onlineaid@ou.edu or call 405-325-2929.

A nonrefundable deposit of \$350 is required upon admission to secure your place in the program. This deposit guarantees your spot in your first semester of courses and will be applied toward your first semester's tuition.

** Please be aware that tuition and fees may change, as determined by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.*

TRANSFER CREDIT

You can transfer up to 12 credit hours of graduate-level coursework per Graduate College policy and with approval of the department.

LEARN MORE ABOUT FINANCIAL AID: [HTTPS://ONLINE.OU.EDU/COST-AND-AID/GRADUATE/](https://online.ou.edu/cost-and-aid/graduate/)

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

To apply to the online Master of Library and Information Studies program, you must hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university (or the international equivalent), with a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

Additional admissions factors may include work or service experience, demonstrated leadership potential, exceptional talents or skills, trends, or academic and undergraduate school performance improvement.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the online Master of Library and Information Studies program is selective. To apply for any graduate program at OU, we require graduation from an accredited four-year college with a 3.0 cumulative GPA over their undergraduate and/or graduate work (on a 4-point scale where 4.00 is an A).

Additional admissions factors may include work or service experience, demonstrated leadership potential, exceptional talents or skills, trends, or academic and undergraduate school performance improvement.

Applicants must complete the following:

- Complete an online application at <https://gograd.ou.edu/apply/>
- Submit a current resume or CV
- Provide official transcripts from all institutions attended
- Personal Statement
- Three professional letters of recommendation
- International students must demonstrate English proficiency

APPLICATION TIMELINE

The admissions committee operates under a rolling admissions process, and admissions may continue until two weeks before the start of classes. However, some programs may have an earlier application deadline. The committee strives to respond to all applicants within two weeks of receiving a completed application.

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STEP 1 Contact an Enrollment Coach to discuss your qualifications and interest in the program.	STEP 2 Complete the online application at https://gograd.ou.edu/apply/	STEP 3 Provide supplemental materials, including a resume, personal statement, three professional letters of reference, and undergraduate transcripts.
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