# EMPORIA STATE U N I V E R S I T Y

School of LIBRARY AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT



## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Emporia State University's School of Library and Information Management (SLIM) has a 116-year history of preparing students for work in library and information science fields. The Master of Library Science (MLS) program has continued ALA Accreditation. It is a 36-credit-hour graduate degree program that prepares students for professional work in public, academic, school, and special libraries as well as in corporate, private, and government information services. The curriculum is comprised of theory and practical application courses about how information is created, recorded, acquired, organized, disseminated, diffused, utilized, preserved, and destroyed. You will develop an understanding of the role of social interaction in information-seeking behavior and the importance of a professional philosophy and service ethic. Coursework includes:

### **Required Courses:**

Foundations of Library and Information Science (3 credits)
Information-seeking Behavior and Reference Services (3 credits)
Organization of Information (3 credits)
Management and Information Organizations (3 credits)
Research in Library and Information Science (3 credits)
Collection Development and Management (3 credits)
Capstone Course: Assessing the MLS Experience (1 credit)

Technology Requirement (3 credits)
Select one:
Information Technology; Web Design and Development; or
Database Design

#### Plus:

14 credits of electives selected from over 40 elective options including current issues courses in management, technology, and more!

## PROGRAM DELIVERY

You will move through the program with a cohort of your peers. By taking classes part time, you can complete the program in two years even if you are working full-time. Courses are a hybrid of primarily online work with 2-4 face-to-face sessions each semester. Face-to-face sessions are held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday evenings and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays at the Sioux Falls, SD location. A dedicated, on-site advisor will work with you to develop a coursework plan and to provide essential networking and career development opportunities. No thesis is required. You will complete a capstone project comprised of a portfolio that highlights your achievements in the MLS program.

## APPLICATION AND ADMISSION PROCESS

Applications for the 2019 Fall cohort are due by July 1. Classes begin in August. For details about the application process, go to http://www.emporia.edu/slim and click on Prospective Students. Contact Elizabeth Hoffman at ehoffma1@emporia.edu or (620) 412-6453 with questions.

