

EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY

School of LIBRARY AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Earn Your School Library Media Licensure in South Dakota

SLIM's courses are taught by highly experienced professors and practitioners, providing the education you will need to guide 21st century learners and to manage a networked, school library media center. You will complete the program knowing how to motivate preK-12 students for lifelong learning, informed decision-making, a love of reading, and the use of information technologies. You will become a member of a large community of highly qualified and successful Emporia State University school librarians.



■ Balance Online Learning and Occasional Weekend Intensive Classes

Enjoy personal interaction between students and faculty as you combine your MLS studies with an active life.

■ Diversity Scholarship Match

Receive matching funds for ALA Spectrum, AILA, and other ALA ethnic affiliate scholarship awards.

■ SLIM's Heritage of Excellence for Over a Century

Share the inherited legacy of a worldwide network of SLIM alumni to further your career objectives.

■ Earn Your Licensure Alone or as Part of Your Master of Library Science Program

Both license-only options and a School Media-focused MLS program are available.

Special tuition rates available for certain residents of states with membership in MSEP and qualifying counties of Oklahoma and Missouri via the Corky Plus program.

For more information about special tuition rates visit www.emporia.edu



About the Programs

The Emporia State University Master of Library Science (MLS) 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. Join a cohort of students who study and learn together through six semesters in two years to earn their MLS degree. The curriculum comprises 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.

School Media Licensure provides existing teachers and librarians the additional training and knowledge to better serve their students with specialized courses focusing on teaching information literacy, children and young adult programming, and media collection and management.



MLS Program of Study

Required Courses:

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| LI801: Foundations of Library and Information Science | 3 |
| LI802: Information-seeking Behavior and Reference Services | 3 |
| LI804: Organization of Information | 3 |
| LI805: Management and Information Organizations | 3 |
| LI810: Research in Library and Information Science | 3 |
| LI815: Information Technology | 3 |
| LI855: Collection Development and Management | 3 |
| Total | 21 |

Capstone Course:

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| LI880: Capstone Course: Assessing the MLS Experience | 1 |
| Total | 1 |

Elective Courses:

Students will have a total of fourteen elective hours. They have the opportunity to choose between a variety of elective courses, including the option to earn a nine-credit-hour concentration within their elective courses:

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| Total | 14 |
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Total Hours for MLS Degree

36

School Media Licensure Programs of Study

Required Courses:

Elementary School Library Endorsement:

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| LI804: Organization of Information | 3 |
| LI831: Resources and Services for Children | 3 |
| LI832: Resources and Services for Young Adults | 3 |
| LI851: Managing the School Library Media Center | 3 |
| LI855: Collection Development and Management | 3 |
| LI858: Information Literacy and Instructional Collaboration | 2 |
| LI876: School Library Media Elementary Practicum | 1 |

Secondary School Library Endorsement:

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| LI804: Organization of Information | 3 |
| LI831: Resources and Services for Children | 3 |
| LI832: Resources and Services for Young Adults | 3 |
| LI851: Managing the School Library Media Center | 3 |
| LI855: Collection Development and Management | 3 |
| LI858: Information Literacy and Instructional Collaboration | 2 |
| LI876: School Library Media Secondary Practicum | 2 |

Total Hours for Elementary School Media License

18

Total Hours for Secondary School Media License

19

Blended Courses

Online instruction is supplemented by two weekend-intensive class meetings per course, held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday evenings and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. You will work directly with a dedicated onsite advisor to develop your individual degree plan and ensure that all requirements for the degree are completed.

Application and Admission Process

We accept applications each year until July 1st for our fall semester, which starts in mid-August. For details about the application process, go to <http://www.emporia.edu/slim> and click on the link "Prospective Students."

- Comprehensive Fee Schedule: <https://www.emporia.edu/busaff/student-information/tuition-and-waivers.html>

Note: The tuition rates for states participating in MSEP (Midwest Student Exchange Program) can be found at <https://www.emporia.edu/grad/financial/msep-program.html>. If your state is not a member of MSEP, please encourage your state board of regents to join MSEP. For non-MSEP residents, generous scholarships are available based on qualification. Also note that in order to qualify for the NEARR Program tuition rates, you must attend at the Emporia campus.

For more information about the program,
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