

EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY

School of LIBRARY AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

VERSATILE

Get a graduate degree that can qualify you for a wide variety of careers.

CONNECTED

Have face-to-face interaction with peers, advisors, and professors.

CONVENIENT

Earn a graduate degree in as little as two years by taking classes part time and online.

AFFORDABLE

Master of Library Science Program
offered in Boise, Idaho

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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 in 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; Database Design;
or an approved technology course

Plus:

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

You can also select a concentration within your MLS, obtain your School Library Media licensure, participate in continuing education classes, or begin a seamless transition into SLIM's PhD program by completing our MLS degree. Certificates are also available in areas of archive studies, youth services, leadership and management, and informatics.

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 work full-time. Six of our required core courses combine online work with two face-to-face sessions each semester. These weekend intensive sessions are held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday evenings and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays at your regional cohort 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 tuition or the application process, go to <http://www.emporia.edu/slim> and click on Prospective Students. Contact SLIM at sliminfo@emporia.edu or 620.341.5203 or 800-552-4770 with questions.

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