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

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 Portland, OR



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Emporia State University's School of Library and Information Management (SLIM) has a 115-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)
Information Technology (3 credits)
Collection Development and Management (3 credits)
Capstone Course: Assessing the MLS Experience (1 credit)

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 Portland, OR 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 fall cohorts are due by June 1. Classes begin in August. For details about the application process, go to http://www.emporia.edu/slim and click on Prospective Students. Contact Jeana Menger at jmenger@emporia.edu or 503-223-8280 with questions.

