Earn Your Master of Library Science in Emporia, Kansas

A graduate degree in Library and Information Management complements previous education, offers prospects for increased earnings and provides flexible skills for the future. Be a part of the information profession that has exciting career opportunities such as public or academic librarian, media specialist, data manager, archivist, and many more.

- **Balance Online Learning and Weekend Intensive Classes**
  Enjoy personal interaction between students and faculty as you combine your MLS studies with an active life

- **Leadership Development**
  Practice advocating for your library or information organization based on your new understanding of adaptive leadership

- **National and International Field Trips**
  Appreciate cultural differences on field trips to national and international libraries, museums and archives underwritten by SLIM scholarships

- **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

For more information, contact Kathie Buckman, SLIM-Emporia MLS Director, at kbuckman@emporia.edu or 620-341-5065
About the Program

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.

MLS Program of Study

Required Courses:
- 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:
- 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:
Total 14

Concentrations:
- Archives Studies:
  - LI809: Introduction to Archives 3
  - LI818: Archival Arrangement and Description 3
  - LI827: Preservation Strategies 3
- Informatics:
  - LI800: Introduction to Informatics 3
  - LI819: Information Retrieval 3
  - LI887: System Analysis and Design 3
- Leadership & Administration:
  - LI850: Leadership and Information Organizations 3
  - LI859: Project Management in Information Organizations 3
  - LI868: Advocacy and Information Organizations 3
- Youth Services:
  - LI829: Resources and Services for Early Learners 3
  - LI831: Resources and Services for Children 3
  - LI832: Resources and Services for Young Adults 3
Total Hours for MLS Degree 36

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.”

Program Administration

Kathie Buckman is the director of the SLIM program in Emporia and also serves as academic advisor for the Emporia MLS students. She attends all weekend classes, which helps participants not to feel “distant.” Kathie is very involved in the Kansas library community and assists students and alumni with essential networking and career development.

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