

# Master of Library Science

## Degree Checklist

36 degree credit hours + S401 = 39

**Credit Hours Semester**

**PREREQUISITE:**

- **Deploy Information Technologies in Effective and Innovative Ways**  
must be fulfilled before completion of 9 credits hours  
S401 Computer-Based Information Tools (3 credits) 3 \_\_\_

**FOUNDATIONS (15 hours):** one course from each area

- **Assist and Educate Users**  
S501 Reference 3 \_\_\_
- **Develop and Manage Collections of Information Resources**  
S502 Collection Development and Management 3 \_\_\_
- **Represent and Organize Information Resources**  
S503 Representation and Organization 3 \_\_\_  
S504 Cataloging 3 \_\_\_
- **Manage and Lead Libraries and Other Information Organizations**  
S551 Library Management 3 \_\_\_  
S552 Academic Library Management 3 \_\_\_  
S553 Public Library Management  
S671 School Media 3 \_\_\_
- **Use Research Effectively**  
S505 Evaluation of Resources and Services (P: S502) 3 \_\_\_  
S506 Introduction to Research (P: completion of 9 hours) 3 \_\_\_  
S519 Evaluation of Information Systems 3 \_\_\_

**ELECTIVES (21 hours):** one option is S605 "internship" (3 credits)

- **Approach Professional Issues with Understanding** 21  
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## Master of Library Science GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Master of Library Science (MLS) program prepares students to become reflective practitioners who connect people and communities with information.

Upon completion of the MLS program, graduates are prepared to:

### **Assist and Educate Users**

- Analyze and identify the information needs of diverse communities of users
- Educate users and potential users to locate, use, and evaluate information resources and tools
- Analyze and evaluate information systems and services in a variety of settings

### **Develop and Manage Collections of Information Resources**

- Design and apply policies and procedures that support the selection and acquisition of information resources for particular communities of users
- Manage, evaluate, and preserve physical and virtual collections of information resources
- Uphold ethical and legal standards in acquiring, leasing, preserving, and providing access to information resources

### **Represent and Organize Information Resources**

- Understand and apply principles of representation and organization

### **Manage and Lead Libraries and Other Information Organizations**

- Perform basic managerial functions, including planning, budgeting, and performance evaluation
- Communicate effectively to a variety of audiences
- Apply theories of organizational behavior and structure

### **Use Research Effectively**

- Design, conduct, interpret, and take action based upon research and evaluation

### **Deploy Information Technologies in Effective and Innovative Ways**

- Implement and evaluate information and communication technologies for efficiency, usability, and value to users

### **Approach Professional Issues with Understanding**

- Understand the social, political, ethical, and legal aspects of information creation, access, ownership, service, and communication
- Anticipate emerging trends and respond proactively