

LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE (LEEP) MASTER OF SCIENCE



ONLINE

The online LEEP Master of Science program equips individuals with the theories and practices of library and information science (LIS). Program objectives include: teaching graduates to anticipate and promote technological changes, fostering critical thinking about literature and research in LIS, and preparing for the evaluation and development of library services. Master's students design their own program of study. Professional pathways include archival and special collections, youth and K-12 services, information organization and management, research and information services, data and asset management, and knowledge management and competitive intelligence.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- A GPA of 3.0/4.0 for the junior and senior undergraduate years
- Official or unofficial transcripts
- Letters of reference (3)
- (if you graduated within three years of your proposed start date, one letter is required to be from a faculty member)
- Personal Statement Essay
- Resume

Contact the iSchool admissions staff with questions regarding the admissions process at (800) 982-0914 or (217) 333-3280 and press "1" at the prompt. Applications are submitted electronically from iSchool website.

COST:

LEEP students are billed per semester hour. Residency determines in-state or out-of-state rates.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

New and continuing students register at <https://apps.uillinois.edu/index.html> after receiving their Enterprise netID and password.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

New LEEP online students begin the program online but attend a required on-campus Welcome Weekend during the fall or spring either during or immediately after their first semester of enrollment. Classes are available in fall, spring, and summer terms.

DELIVERY MODE:

A majority of the coursework is Internet based, completed at the site chosen by the student.

LOCATION(S) OF COURSES:

Most classes require "live" Internet-based interaction at regularly scheduled times. Other class work can be completed per the student's preferred time. Courses involve approximately 10-15 hours per week, including 2 hours of Internet time per week, per course.

TRANSFER HOURS POLICY:

4 credit hours of non-LIS graduate level coursework from an accredited university may be transferred into the program or 8 hours of LIS coursework from an another ALA-accredited school. The 8 hours cannot be courses comparable to our 2 core courses.

TOTAL HOURS NEEDED:

40 credit hours

FINANCIAL AID INFO:

A recruitment scholarship is awarded to six incoming students based off merit, need, and diversity. Student loans are also available for those accepted into degree program and enrolled at least 6 hours in Fall and Spring, or 3 hours in Summer.

OTHER INFORMATION:

Visit the iSchool website for detailed information on admission requirements, courseloads, scheduling options, and their certificate of advanced study.

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REQUIRED COURSES:

All MS/LIS students must complete the two required courses, IS 505 Information Organization and Access (4 credit hours) and IS 510 Libraries, Information, and Society (4 credit hours) during the first academic year of enrollment in their degree program. These courses are foundational for all areas of the field and provide a context for future coursework in areas of specialization.