School of Library and Information Studies

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Graduate Degrees Offered

- M.A. in Library Science (http://catalog.twu.edu/archives/2015-2016/graduate/professional-education/library-information-studies/library-science-ma)
- Dual Program: M.L.S. and M.S. in Health Studies (http://catalog.twu.edu/archives/2015-2016/graduate/professional-education/library-information-studies/dual-degree-mls-health-studies-ms)

Texas Woman’s University School of Library and Information Studies educates professionals to become leaders in practice and research in the field of library and information services; inspires intellectual curiosity, scholarship, and research to expand knowledge in library and information studies; and develops leaders who promote exceptional services in libraries within diverse communities.

The School of Library and Information Studies prepares students for professional roles in library and information services.

1. Develop professional competencies that reflect an appropriate balance between theory and practice.
2. Prepare students to use technological advances to meet the changing information needs of a diverse society.
3. Contribute to the improvement of library and information services through teaching, research, publication, and professional service.
4. Advance the information professions through the development of new knowledge in library and information studies.

The programs of study leading to the degrees of Master of Library Science and Master of Arts in Library Science are accredited by the American Library Association. The master’s degree programs are designed to prepare information professionals who will:

1. Articulate an understanding of the dynamic role of librarianship as a profession and the changing roles of libraries as agencies;
2. Demonstrate ability to apply the principles of acquiring, organizing, delivering, and preserving information and knowledge;
3. Use knowledge and skills to perform effectively in professional positions;
4. Employ technologies to meet information needs in a variety of contexts;
5. Analyze social issues that have an impact on professional practice;
6. Plan for continuous, career-long professional development;
7. Recognize the value of participation in professional organizations and activities.

The School is located in Stoddard Hall, a beautiful building which includes multi-purpose seminar rooms, offices, laboratories, and lounges which provide meeting space for faculty and students.

Admissions

Admission Requirements

The School of Library and Information Studies (SLIS) takes the holistic approach to the review of admission applications. Applicants to SLIS must be admitted by both the Graduate School and SLIS, and must submit two different sets of application materials: one to the Office of Admissions Processing (http://www.twu.edu/admissions-processing) and the other to the School of Library and Information Studies (http://www.twu.edu/slis).

All applicants must submit the following items to the Office of Admissions Processing:

- Official transcripts for all previous university work
- Application fee
- ApplyTexas online application form
- Note: Applicants holding a prior graduate degree are not required to submit the standardized test score.

Successful applicants are expected to meet the following criteria:

- A GPA of 3.0 for the last 60 semester credit hours of undergraduate coursework. Those who have a 3.0 or higher GPA in a completed post-graduate degree from an accredited university will be considered;
- The test scores of a standardized test are expected to fall at or above the median for the national aggregates of their available demographic variables; and
- English language proficiency scores (http://www.twu.edu/international-education) for international students, which meet the University’s requirements.

Students may apply for the School of Library and Information Studies under any of the following categories:

Master’s Degree Programs or Graduate Certificate in School Librarianship

Applicants for admission to the master’s degree programs or the Graduate Certificate in School Librarianship must apply to SLIS. Only complete application packets will be considered. Applicants are responsible for keeping their contact information current. Submit the following materials, in a single, complete mailing, to TWU SLIS, PO Box 425438, Denton, TX 76204-5438:

- A SLIS application form, available on the SLIS website (http://www.twu.edu/slis);
- A resume;
- Three letters of recommendation; and
A 2-page statement of intent.

**Dual Degree: Master of Library Science and Master of Science in Health Studies**

In addition to submitting the application materials listed above to the School of Library and Information Studies, applicants must also apply to the Department of Health Studies (http://catalog.twu.edu/archives/2015-2016/graduate/health-sciences/health-studies).

**Graduate Certificate in Evidenced-Based Health Science Librarianship**

Applicants for this certificate program must meet one of the following two conditions:

- Possession of a graduate degree (master’s or doctoral) in a discipline in Nursing, Health Sciences, or Library Science; or
- Admission to a graduate degree program in the TWU College of Nursing, College of Health Sciences, or School of Library and Information Studies.

For students with a master’s degree, a Certificate in Evidence-Based Health Science Librarianship is awarded when the student completes all course requirements for the certificate program. For students pursuing a master’s degree concurrently, the certificate is awarded after the student completes all requirements for the graduate degree.

A complete application for admission to the Graduate Certificate program consists of the following materials:

- ApplyTexas (https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX) online application form, indicating graduate certificate as the admission option;
- Application fee;
- GRE (http://www.ets.org/gre) or another standardized test score (waived if the concurrently admitted degree program does not require a standardized test score);
- Transcripts from all universities attended; and
- SLIS Graduate Certificate application form, available on the SLIS website (http://www.twu.edu/slis).

**Certificates**

**Certificates in Library and Information Studies**

- Post-Master's Certificate in Evidence-Based Health Science Librarianship (http://catalog.twu.edu/archives/2015-2016/graduate/professional-education/library-information-studies/post-masters-certificate-evidence-based-health-science-librarianship)
- Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Interprofessional Informatics (http://catalog.twu.edu/archives/2015-2016/graduate/nursing/pb-certificate-interprofessional-informatics) (offered through the College of Nursing)

**Minors Offered to Students from Other Departments**

The requirements for a minor in Library Science on the graduate level vary according to the student’s degree program and are subject to agreement between the student’s advisory committee and the appropriate faculty member(s) in the School of Library and Information Studies.

- Master’s level: A minor is commonly defined as six to twelve semester credit hours.
- Doctoral level: Twelve to eighteen semester credit hours is common.

**Faculty**

**Professors**

JENG, LING HWEY, Professor of Library and Information Studies; Director of the School of Library and Information Studies. B.A., National Taiwan University; M.L.I.S., University of Texas at Austin; Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin.

VARDELL, SYLVIA M., Professor of Library and Information Studies. B.S., University of Texas: Austin; Ph.D., University of Minnesota: Twin Cities.

**Associate Professors**

AKIN, LYNN K., Associate Professor of Library and Information Studies. B.A., Trenton State College; M.L.S., Texas Woman's University; Ph.D., Texas Woman's University.

HOFFMAN, GRETCHEN L., Associate Professor of Library and Information Studies. B.A., University of Nevada, Reno; M.L.S., Emporia State University; Ph.D., Emporia State University.

LEE, HYUK-JIN, Associate Professor of Library and Information Studies. B.A., Yonsei University; M.S., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; Ph.D., Rutgers University.

**Assistant Professors**

CURRY, EVELYN L., Assistant Professor of Library and Information Studies. B.A., Prairie View A&M University; M.A., University of Wisconsin, Madison; Ph.D., University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

MASTEN, KATHRYN, Assistant Professor of Library and Information Studies. B.A., Beloit College; M.P.A., Arizona State University; Ph.D., University of North Texas.

McELRATH, EILEEN T., Assistant Professor of Library and Information Studies. B.A., Murray State University; M.S.L.S., Murray State University; M.A., University of Kentucky; Ph.D., Florida State University.

MOREILLON, JUDITH L., Assistant Professor of Library and Information Studies. B.A., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; M.L.S., University of Arizona; Ph.D., University of Arizona.

PERRYMAN, CAROL L., Assistant Professor of Library and Information Studies. B.S., Friends University; M.S., University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; Ph.D., University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Minors
RICHEY, JENNIFER E., Assistant Professor of Library and Information Studies. B.A., University of Texas at Austin; M.S.I.S., University of Texas at Austin; Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin.