

MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBRARY SCIENCE

Web Site: <https://twu.edu/slis/programs-admission-requirements/ma-in-library-science/>

The Master of Arts in Library Science degree is available entirely online and is designed to prepare library and information professionals to conduct research in different types of information environments.

This preparation is achieved by:

1. the acquisition of knowledge in a set of courses basic to an understanding of library and information studies;
2. advanced instruction in a set of research courses;
3. completion of a practicum; and
4. completion of a thesis.

As graduates conduct their professional research and/or move into doctoral programs in librarianship, they will make effective contributions to library research.

Accreditation

The Master of Arts in Library Science degree program at Texas Woman's University is accredited by the American Library Association Committee on Accreditation, with the status of Continued accreditation. The next comprehensive review visit is scheduled for 2025.

Marketable Skills

Defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30 Strategic Plan (<https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/agency-publication/miscellaneous/the60x30-strategic-plan/>) as, "Those skills valued by employers that can be applied in a variety of work settings, including interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skills areas. These skills can be either primary or complementary to a major and are acquired by students through education, including curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities."

1. Apply professional ethics and competencies in acquiring, organizing, delivering, and preserving information and knowledge.
2. Demonstrate evidence-based practice in professional decision-making.
3. Deliver community-embedded services to promote equity and justice, and meet the needs of diverse constituencies.
4. Apply technologies to meet information needs in a variety of contexts.
5. Disseminate professional knowledge through venues such as teaching, research, publication, and service activities.
6. Plan for and engage in continuous, career-long professional development.

Admissions

All students must meet the University requirements as outlined in the Admission to the TWU Graduate School (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/graduate-school/admission-graduate-school/>) section of the catalog.

This academic program may have additional admission criteria that must also be completed as outlined on the program's website.

Degree Requirements

Total Semester Credit Hours Required

39 semester credit hours (SCH).

Code	Title	SCHs
Required Courses		
LS 5083	Foundations of Library and Information Studies	3
LS 5053	Information Retrieval	3
LS 5043	Information and Communication Technology	3
LS 5023	Information Organization	3
LS 5003	Collection Development and Management	3
LS 5263	Information Sources and Services	3
LS 5383	Library Management	3
LS 5753	Research Methods	3
LS 5843	Practicum	3
Electives		3
3 SCH in Library Science and other disciplines as approved by faculty advisor		
Research Tool		
3 semester credit hours		3
Thesis		
LS 5983	Thesis	3
LS 5993	Thesis	3
Total SCHs		39

Special Requirements

A cumulative B average must be maintained. Any course with a grade of C cannot be applied toward the student's degree. Students are allowed to repeat a course once to improve a grade. No graduate library science course may be taken more than twice.