

MASTER OF LIBRARY SCIENCE WITH CERTIFICATE IN ACADEMIC LIBRARIANSHIP

Web Site: <https://twu.edu/slis/programs-admission-requirements/>

The Master of Library Science with Certificate in Academic Librarianship program prepares professionals for careers as librarians and information specialists in higher education institutions, including universities, colleges, community colleges, and research-focused organizations. Students receive specialized training that equips them with the necessary knowledge and skills to support teaching, learning, and research, as well as to serve a variety of academic communities. The MLS with Certificate in Academic Librarianship program is available entirely online.

Accreditation

The Master of 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 2032.

Marketable Skills

Marketable skills prepare students for success in a variety of professional settings. Developed through academic coursework, co-curricular engagement, and extracurricular involvement, these skills include communication, critical thinking, teamwork, ethical reasoning, adaptability, and digital literacy. Whether directly related to a student's major or serving as complementary strengths, marketable skills enhance career readiness and reflect TWU's commitment to producing graduates who are prepared to thrive in today's dynamic workforce.

1. Deliver innovative, high-quality services responsive to the needs of diverse academic communities.
2. Utilize information and communication technology to meet changing information needs in higher education institutions
3. Develop, organize, and manage academic library collections.
4. Help students, faculty, and staff locate, assess, and use information.
5. Assess academic library collections, programs, and services.
6. Support teaching, learning, and research in higher education institutions.

Admissions

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

The 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

36 semester credit hours (SCH).

Course	Title	Credits
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 Leadership and Management	3
Required Academic Librarianship Courses		
LS 5313	Academic Librarianship	3
LS 5713	Scholarly Communication	3
Advanced Academic Librarianship Course		
Select one of the following		3
LS 5203	Instructional Librarianship	
LS 5473	Health Information Sources and Services	
LS 5733	Advanced Information Sources and Services	
LS 5753	Research Methods in Library and Information Studies	
Library Science Elective Course		
Course must be approved by advisor.		3
Required Practicum		
LS 5843	Practicum (in an academic library)	3
Total SCHs		36

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.