

INFORMATION STUDIES, BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INFORMATION STUDIES / MASTER OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 144

Major Hours: 39

Minimum Upper-Division Hours: 48

Upper-Division Hours Within Major: 27

Overall GPA - Combined and OU: 3.00

Major GPA - Combined and OU: 3.00

Program Code: A560/F651

- 48 Upper-Division Hours Required.
- Some courses required for the major may also fulfill University General Education and/or College of Arts & Sciences Requirements.

Undergraduate Requirements

A grade of C or better is required in each major course.

Information Studies category courses must be completed within a maximum of two attempts per course.

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
LIS 2003	Introduction to Information Studies	3
LIS 4663	Information Studies Capstone	3
LIS 4823	Internship in Information Studies	3
LIS 5063	Information and Communication Technology (shared)	3
LIS 5643	Introduction to Data Analytics (shared)	3
LIS 5683	Database Design for Information Organizations (shared)	3
Choose one course from each of the following areas: ¹		21
	Information and Enterprise	
	Interpersonal Communication	
	Organizational Communication	
	Leadership	
	Information in Society	
	Information Technology	
	Technical Writing	
Total Credit Hours		39

¹ The list of approved courses for this category is available from the School of Library & Information Studies.

Major Support Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ECON 1113	Principles of Economics-Macro	3
ECON 1123	Principles of Economics-Micro	3
MATH 1743	Calculus I for Business, Life and Social Sciences	3
COMM 2613	Public Speaking	3
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 2513	Introduction to Statistics	
ECON 2843	Elements of Statistics	
MATH 4753	Applied Statistical Methods	
P SC/SOC 3123	Social Statistics	
PSY 2003	Understanding Statistics	
PSY 2113	Research Methods I: Statistics	
Total Credit Hours		15

MLIS Component

Code	Title	Credit Hours
MLIS Core		
LIS 5023	Management of Information and Knowledge Organizations	3
LIS 5033	Information and Knowledge Society	3
LIS 5043	Organization of Information and Knowledge Resources	3
LIS 5053	Information Users in the Knowledge Society	3
LIS 5063	Information and Communication Technology (shared)	3
LIS 5713	Research and Evaluation Methods	3
MLIS Graduate Electives		
LIS 5643	Introduction to Data Analytics (in undergrad major work, shared)	3
LIS 5683	Database Design for Information Organizations (in undergrad major work, shared)	3
Choose one additional shared course ¹		3
Choose three additional courses ²		9
End of Program Assessment Options		
Choose one of the following options: ³		
	Comprehensive examination	
	Thesis	
	Portfolio	
Total Credit Hours		36

¹ With approval of LIS advisor, select from approved listing of shared classes available from Library & Information Studies.

² With approval of LIS advisor, select from approved listings available from Library & Information Studies.

³ In addition to course requirements, the Graduate College requires all candidates for an advanced degree to complete an end of program assessment.

General Education and College Requirements

Courses graded P/NP will not apply

Courses for fulfillment of General Education and College of Arts & Sciences requirements must be from the approved General Education course list published in the Class Schedule or at <http://www.ou.edu/gened/courses>.

University-Wide General Education (minimum 40 hours) and College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication		
<i>English Composition (6 hours)</i>		
ENGL 1113	Principles of English Composition	3
ENGL 1213	Principles of English Composition	3
or EXPO 1213	Expository Writing	
<i>Foreign Language (0-13 hours in the same language)</i>		
The College of Arts and Sciences requirement cannot be met by high school coursework.		
	Beginning Course	0-5
	Beginning Course, continued	0-5
	Intermediate Course (2000 level) ^{1,2}	0-3
<i>Mathematics (3 hours)</i>		
	Choose one course from the General Education Mathematics list	3
Core Area II: Natural Science (7 hours, including one laboratory component)		
<i>Biological Science</i>		
	Choose an approved General Education Natural Science course with one of the following prefixes: BIOL, HES, MBIO, or PBIO ¹	3-4
<i>Physical Science</i>		
	Choose an approved General Education Natural Science course with one of the following prefixes: AGSC, ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR, or PHYS ¹	3-4
Core Area III: Social Science (6 hours)		
P SC 1113	American Federal Government	3
	Choose one course from the General Education Social Science list	3
Core Area IV: Humanities (18 hours)		
<i>Understanding Artistic Forms</i>		
	Choose one course from the General Education Artistic Forms list	3
<i>Western Civilization and Culture</i>		
HIST 1483	United States, 1492 to 1865	3
or HIST 1493	United States, 1865 to the Present	
	Choose one course from the General Education Western Civilization & Culture list ³	3
<i>Non-Western Culture</i>		
	Choose one course from the General Education Non-Western Culture list	3
<i>Additional Core IV Upper-Division Humanities courses⁴</i>		

Choose one course from Understanding Artistic Forms, Western Civilization & Culture, or Non-Western Culture¹ 3

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Core Area V: Senior Capstone Experience (3 hours)

Choose one General Education Capstone course 3

Total Credit Hours 56

¹ College of Arts and Sciences Requirements: College requirements are not automatically fulfilled by a previous degree.

² One course at the intermediate level or demonstrated competency at that level

³ Excluding HIST 1483 and HIST 1493

⁴ 6 upper-division hours, 2 courses, at the 3000- 4000-level. **Must be outside the major.**

Free Electives

Electives to bring total applicable hours to the minimum total required for the degree including 48 upper-division hours.

Information Concerning General Rules, Regulations and Minimum Requirements

Arts and Sciences Hours: At least 80 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BA degree. At least 55 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BS degree.

Pass/No Pass Enrollment: A maximum of 16 semester hours of free elective credit may be attempted under this option.

Individual Studies (e.g., courses titled "Independent Study"): A maximum of 12 total semester hours may be counted toward graduation, excluding Honors Reading and Honors Research.

P.E. Courses: No physical education activity courses will be counted toward the 120 semester hours of acceptable credit for graduation.

Senior Institution Hours: A minimum of 60 semester hours applied toward graduation must be earned at senior (4-year) institutions.

Residency:

- At least 15 of the final 30 hours applied toward the degree or at least 50 percent of the hours required by the institution in the major field must be satisfactorily completed at the awarding institution.
- At least 15 semester hours of upper-division major work must be completed in residence at OU.
- OU correspondence courses are **not** considered resident credit.

Grade Point Averages: Students must earn a minimum over all 2.00 for each of the following: Combined Retention GPA (all college grades), OU Retention GPA, GPA for all major courses, and GPA for all major courses taken at OU. Some schools and departments of the College have higher minimum grade point averages required for their students.

Special Degrees: Students may qualify for an Honors degree (cum Laude, Magna cum Laude, or Summa cum Laude) by completing specific requirements of the Honors College. A degree will be earned with Distinction if the student completes at least 60 semester hours at OU with at least a 3.60 combined retention GPA and OU retention GPA. A degree will be earned with Special Distinction if the student completes at least 60 semester hours at OU with at least a 3.90 combined retention GPA and OU retention GPA.

Suggested Semester Plan of Study

This plan shows one possible grouping of courses that would allow students to graduate in five years. Please refer to the front of the degree checklist for official requirements. Students must consult with College of Arts and Sciences and/or School of Library and Information Studies academic advisors to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy university, College of Arts and Sciences, and Information Studies major requirements.

Course	Title	Credit Hours
Freshman		
First Semester		
ENGL 1113	Principles of English Composition (Core I)	3
MATH 1743	Calculus I for Business, Life and Social Sciences (Core I)	3
P SC 1113	American Federal Government (Core III)	3
Beginning Foreign Language (Core I)		5
Credit Hours		14
Second Semester		
COMM 2613	Public Speaking	3
ENGL 1213	Principles of English Composition (Core I)	3
or EXPO 1213	or Expository Writing	
HIST 1483	United States, 1492 to 1865 (Core IV)	3
or HIST 1493	or United States, 1865 to the Present	
Beginning Foreign Language (Core I)		5
Credit Hours		14
Sophomore		
First Semester		
ECON 1113	Principles of Economics-Macro	3
LIS 2003	Introduction to Information Studies	3
Interpersonal Communication Requirement ¹		3
Intermediate Foreign Language		3
Natural Science with lab (Core II)		4
Credit Hours		16
Second Semester		
ECON 1123	Principles of Economics-Micro	3
Organizational Communication Requirements (1 of 6 options to share with MLIS elective) ¹		3
Statistics Major Support course		3
Natural Science without lab (Core II)		3
Non-Western Culture (Core IV)		3
Free Elective, lower-division		1
Credit Hours		16
Junior		
First Semester		
LIS 5643	Introduction to Data Analytics	3
LIS 4063	Information and Communication	3
or LIS 5063	Technology (shared with MLIS core) or Information and Communication Technology	
Information and Enterprise Requirement ¹		3
Western Civilization & Culture (Core IV)		3

Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)		3
Credit Hours		15
Second Semester		
LIS 5683	Database Design for Information Organizations (shared with MLIS elective)	3
Information Technology Requirement (1 of 6 options to share with MLIS elective) ¹		3
Technical Writing Requirement		3
Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)		3
Understanding Artistic Forms (Core IV)		3
Credit Hours		15
Senior		
First Semester		
LIS 4663	Information Studies Capstone (Capstone)	3
Leadership Requirement ¹		3
Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)		3
Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)		3
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Credit Hours		15
Second Semester		
LIS 4823	Internship in Information Studies	3
Information in Society Requirement (1 of 6 options to share with MLIS elective) ¹		3
Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)		3
Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)		3
Free Elective, lower- or upper-division		3
Credit Hours		15
Fifth Year		
First Semester		
LIS 5033	Information and Knowledge Society	3
LIS 5023	Management of Information and Knowledge Organizations	3
LIS 5043	Organization of Information and Knowledge Resources	3
MLIS Graduate Level Elective		3
Credit Hours		12
Second Semester		
LIS 5713	Research and Evaluation Methods	3
LIS 5053	Information Users in the Knowledge Society	3
MLIS Graduate Level Elective		3
MLIS Graduate Level Elective		3
Credit Hours		12
Total Credit Hours		144

¹ The School of Library and Information Studies requires a minimum of 27 upper-division hours within the major; therefore, some of the approved major courses must be chosen at the upper-division level to ensure this requirement is met.