

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS/MASTER OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES
DODGE FAMILY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Academic Year
For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education Summer 2024 through Spring 2025

General Requirements	
Minimum Total Credit Hours	144
Minimum Upper-Division Hours	48
Major Hours	36
Upper-Division Hours within Major	24
Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages:	
Overall - Combined and OU	3.00
Major - Combined and OU	3.00

Program
Information Studies
A560/F651
Bachelor of Arts/Master of Library and Information Studies

OU encourages students to complete at least 29 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in 5 years.

GENERAL EDUCATION AND COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

Courses for fulfillment of General Education and Dodge 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>. **Courses graded P/NP will not apply.**

UNIVERSITY-WIDE GENERAL EDUCATION (MINIMUM 40 HOURS) AND COLLEGE 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>Language (0-13 hours in the same language)</i>		
The college 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: Arts and Humanities (18 hours)		
<i>Artistic Forms</i>		
Choose one course from the General Education Artistic Forms list		
		3
<i>Western Culture</i>		
HIST 1483	United States to 1865	3
or HIST 1493	United States, 1865 to the Present	
Choose one course from the General Education Western Culture list (excluding HIST 1483/1493)		
		3
<i>World Culture</i>		
Choose one course from the General Education World Culture list		
		3
<i>Additional Core IV Upper-Division Arts & Humanities courses</i>		
Choose one course from Artistic Forms, Western Culture, or World Culture ^{1,3}		
		3
Choose one course from Artistic Forms, Western Culture, or World Culture ^{1,3}		
		3
Core Area V: First Year Experience (3 hours)		
Choose one course		
		3
Total Credit Hours		56

- College of Arts and Sciences Requirements: college requirements are not automatically fulfilled by a previous degree.
- One course at the intermediate level or demonstrated competency at that level
- 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.

UNDERGRADUATE REQUIREMENTS

- Some courses required for the major may also fulfill University General Education and/or Dodge College of Arts & Sciences 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 Science	3
LIS 3063	Essentials of IT & Informatics	3
LIS 4823	Internship in Information Studies	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		36

- 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 1643	Functions and Modeling for Business, Life and Social Sciences (Math Prerequisite Course) ¹	3
MATH 1743	Calculus I for Business, Life and Social Sciences	3
COMM 2613	Public Speaking	3
Choose one statistics course ²		3
Total Credit Hours		18

- Students may test out of the prerequisite course and take only MATH 1743.
- The list of approved courses for this category is available from the School of Library & Information Studies.

MLIS COMPONENT

Code	Title	Credit Hours
MLIS Core		
LIS 5023	Management in Information Organizations	3
LIS 5033	Information and Society	3
LIS 5043	Organization of Information	3
LIS 5053	Information Seeking and Use	3
LIS 5063	Fundamentals of Information Technology	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 two additional shared courses ¹		6
Additional electives: 0-4 hours for thesis students, 6 hours for non-thesis students ²		0-6
End of Program Assessment Options		

Choose one of the following options:³

Thesis: 2-6 hours of LIS 5980

Non-Thesis: ePortfolio

Total Credit Hours

36

- 1 With approval of LIS advisor, select from a list maintained by the School of Library & Information Studies and approved by the Graduate College.
- 2 With approval of LIS advisor, select from a list of elective courses maintained by the School of Library & Information Studies and approved by the Graduate College.
- 3 In addition to course requirements, the Graduate College requires all candidates for an advanced degree to complete an end of program assessment.

More information in the catalog: (<http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/dodge-arts-sciences/library-information-studies/information-studies-bachelor-arts-master-library-information-studies/>).

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 Dodge 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.

Year	FIRST SEMESTER		Hours	SECOND SEMESTER		Hours
FRESHMAN	ENGL 1113	Principles of English Composition (Core I)	3	COMM 2613	Public Speaking	3
	MATH 1643	Functions and Modeling for Business, Life and Social Sciences	3	ENGL 1213 or EXPO 1213	Principles of English Composition (Core I) or Expository Writing	3
		Beginning Language (Core I)	5	MATH 1743	Calculus I for Business, Life and Social Sciences	3
		First Year Experience (Core V)	3		Beginning Language (Core I)	5
	CREDIT HOURS		14	CREDIT HOURS		14
SOPHOMORE	ECON 1113	Principles of Economics-Macro	3	ECON 1123	Principles of Economics-Micro	3
	LIS 2003	Introduction to Information Science	3		Organizational Communication Requirements (1 of 6 options to share with MLIS elective) ¹	3
		Interpersonal Communication Requirement ¹	3		Statistics Major Support course	3
		Intermediate Language	3		Natural Science without lab (Core II)	3
		Natural Science with lab (Core II)	4		World Culture (Core IV)	3
CREDIT HOURS		16	CREDIT HOURS		16	
JUNIOR	LIS 3063	Essentials of IT & Informatics	3	LIS 5683	Database Design for Information Organizations (shared with MLIS elective)	3
	LIS 5643	Introduction to Data Analytics (shared with MLIS elective)	3		Information Technology Requirement (1 of 6 options to share with MLIS elective) ¹	3
		Information and Enterprise Requirement ¹	3		Technical Writing Requirement	3
	HIST 1483 or HIST 1493	United States to 1865 (Core IV) or United States, 1865 to the Present	3		Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
	P SC 1113	American Federal Government (Core III)	3		Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3
CREDIT HOURS		15	CREDIT HOURS		15	
SENIOR		Leadership Requirement ¹	3	LIS 4823	Internship in Information Studies	3
		Western Culture (Core IV)	3		Information in Society Requirement (1 of 6 options to share with MLIS elective) ¹	3
		Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
CREDIT HOURS		15	CREDIT HOURS		15	
FIFTH YEAR	LIS 5033	Information and Society	3	LIS 5713	Research and Evaluation Methods	3
	LIS 5023	Management in Information Organizations	3	LIS 5053	Information Seeking and Use	3
	LIS 5043	Organization of Information	3	LIS 5063	Fundamentals of Information Technology	3
		MLIS Graduate Level Elective ²	3		MLIS Graduate Level Elective ²	3
CREDIT HOURS		12	CREDIT HOURS		12	

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.

² Students that choose the non-thesis ePortfolio completion option will complete 6 hours of graduate electives. Students that choose the thesis completion option will complete 2-6 hours of LIS 5980 Research for Master's Thesis and 0-4 hours of graduate electives to meet the 6 hour requirement.