

Revision of SLIS Master's Core Curriculum

Denton, Texas – The faculty of Texas Woman's University School of Library and Information Studies are pleased to announce changes in the master's core curriculum.

The new master's core curriculum addresses the professional standard in the American Library Association Statement of Core Competences as approved in 2009, and further meets the requirements of the State of Texas for school library certification.

Students who are admitted for the Fall 2010 semester or after will have a degree plan with the following requirements:

For the Master of Library Science degree program

Core Courses: 21 hours

- LS 5083 Foundations of Library and Information Studies (formerly LS 5813 Information Professions)
- LS 5013 Information Organization and Retrieval (formerly LS 5013 Information Storage and Retrieval)
- LS 5043 Information and Communication Technology (formerly LS 5143 Technical Services)
- LS 5003 Collection Development
- LS 5263 Information Sources and Services (formerly LS 5263 Reference)
- LS 5383 Library Management
- LS 5843 Practicum

Library Science electives: 15 hours

For the Master of Arts in Library Science degree program

Core Courses: 24 hours

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- LS 5013 Information Organization and Retrieval (formerly LS 5013 Information Storage and Retrieval)
- LS 5043 Information and Communication Technology (formerly LS 5143 Technical Services)
- LS 5003 Collection Development
- LS 5263 Information Sources and Services (formerly LS 5263 Reference)
- LS 5383 Library Management
- LS 5753 Research Methods
- LS 5843 Practicum

Library Science electives: 6 hours

Research tool: 3 hours

Thesis: 6 hours

The total number of credit hours for the Master of Library Science degree remains 36 hours. The total number of credit hours for the Master of Arts in Library Science degree remains 39 hours.

The changes are culminating efforts from the faculty's most recent comprehensive curriculum review through systematic deliberations that involved both internal and external constituents of the school — including students, alumni and employers.

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