

Library & Information Science Programs



Programs Offered Through Brooks Library

[Minor in Library and Information Science](#)

[Type B Certificate in Library and Information Science](#)

[Minor in School Library Media Studies](#) (not accepting new students)

All programs are online

FAQs

What can you do with a minor in Library & Information Science?

Having a background in library science can prepare you for positions as a library paraprofessional in public, school, or special libraries—depending on your track. However, the types of skills that you will learn through the program focus on research, public service, organization, library technology, archives, and general information management that could be applied to many disciplines. Some of the career directions you could pursue with a background in library science include:

- Archives
- Information Management
- Public Library Technician
- Publisher Representative
- Academic Library Para-professional
- Records Management
- Research Management
- School Library Aide
- Technical Writer

Do you need to attend classes on campus?

No. There are some course choices that are offered in person, but these are electives and optional. All required courses are offered online.

How long will it take me to complete the Minor or Certificate?

The minor can be completed over the course of 2 or 3 years. The Type B Certificate can be completed in 1 very full

year, or over a number of years.

When can I start the program? Do I need to start a particular quarter?

The best time to join the program is in fall or winter. The two prerequisite courses for any program tracks are LIS110 and LIS201. LIS110 is offered every quarter, including summer quarter. LIS201 is offered fall and winter quarters.

What major or background is required for these programs?

The LIS Minor and Certificate do not require a particular major or background. These are appropriate for people with a wide variety of backgrounds and experience. Many people who pursue librarianship also happen to have a background in the humanities, but you can have a background in pretty much anything.

For the School Library Media Studies Minor, you also need to be enrolled in a teacher certification major. This minor leads to an endorsement in School Library Media and requires completing the [WEST-E Library Media test](#).

Program Faculty

LIS110 Research Fundamentals (1)	Mattias Olshausen
LIS201 Foundations of Library and Information Science (3)	Aimée Quinn
LIS310 Information Literacy and User Services (3)	Elizabeth Brown
LIS314 Technology in Library and Information Science (3)	Elizabeth Brown , Maura Valentino
LIS245 Research Methods in the Digital Age (4)	Geri Hopkins
LIS398/498 Special Topics in Library and Informational Science (3)	Aimée Quinn , Varies
LIS410 Collection Development (3)	Maureen Rust , Elizabeth Brown
LIS411 Introduction to Archives (3)	Julia Stringfellow
LIS412 Library Management & Leadership (3)	Elizabeth Brown , Ginny Blackson , Maureen Rust
LIS414 Organization of Knowledge (3)	Mary Wise , Maura Valentino
LIS415 Role of the School Library Media Specialist (5)	Ginny Blackson , Maureen Rust
LIS490 Internship (3 Credits)	Varies
LIS492 School Library Media Clinical Experience & Portfolio (4)	Ginny Blackson , Maureen Rust

Example Course Syllabi

LIS110 Research Fundamentals	LIS110.pdf
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