

Minor in Library Information Science (LIS)

29 – 32 Credits

The minor in library and information science is designed to provide students with an understanding of the methods and means of gathering, organizing, and disseminating information. The minor is appropriate for any students who wish to gain a greater understanding of the field of library and information science. This program does not qualify participants for a Washington State Library Media (P-12) endorsement.

All students in the minor will be required to complete 20 credit hours in the core curriculum. Students may choose courses within the remaining curriculum areas depending on their specific interests. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA in the program courses.

Program Requirements

Core Curriculum (20 Credits)

LIS110 Research Fundamentals (1)
LIS201 Foundations of Library and Information Science (3)
LIS245 Research Methods in the Digital Age (4)
LIS310 Information Literacy and User Services (3)
LIS314 Technology in Library and Information Science (3)
LIS414 Organization of Knowledge (3)
LIS490 Internship (3 Credits)

Elective Courses (9-12 Credits)

Management (3-4 Credits)

Select one of the following courses:

LIS412 Library Management & Leadership (3)
ANTH362 Museum Curation and Management (4)

Collection Management (3 Credits)

Select one of the following courses:

LIS410 Collection Development (3)
LIS411 Introduction to Archives (3)

Reader/Content Advisory (3-5 credits),

Select one of the following courses:

EDLM 436 Survey of Children's & Young Adult Literature (3)
ENG 247 Multicultural Literature (5)
ENG 347 Global Perspective on Literature (5)
ENG 302 Poetry and Poetics (5)
ENG 330 African American Literature (5)
ENG 331 Latina/o Literature (5)

ENG 332 American Indian Literature (5)

ENG 333 Asian American Literature (5)

ENG 334 American Indian Oral and Nonfiction Literature (5)

Any History Course at the 300 to 500 level (3-5)LIS398/498 Special Topics in Library and Informational Science (3)

Library and Information Science Course Descriptions

LIS110 Research Fundamentals (1)

Designed for students new to research at the college level. Course explores knowledge of information sources, more effective searching technique, and familiarity of services for researchers.

LIS201 Foundations of Library and Information Science (3)

An introductory course covering the history of libraries and use of information in contemporary society. The course will explore the role of libraries in the organization, preservation, and dissemination of information. It will examine types of library and information organizations and career opportunities in the discipline.

LIS310 Information Literacy and User Services (3)

This course will cover information-seeking theories, methods, and user behaviors. Principles and philosophies of library reference service, information literacy, reading, listening and viewing guidance, and information resources will be explored.

LIS314 Technology in Library and Informational Science (3)

This course provides a review of the hardware and software used in libraries. Provides an introduction to technology tools, processes, and web applications that support the delivery of library services.

LIS245 Research Methods in the Digital Age (4)

This course examines methods of information gathering and sharing in academic and social environments. Students explore applications of the research process, learn strategies for identifying and synthesizing information, and discuss research influences on scholarly conversations. Formerly LIS 345, students may not receive credit for both. Course will be offered every year (Fall, Winter, and Spring).

LIS398 Special Topics (3)

LIS410 Collection Development (3)

This course covers the basic components of collection development and management. Topics to be explored will include selection, planning, budgeting, and maintenance of library collections.

LIS411 Introduction to Archives (3)

This course provides an introduction to the profession of archival studies. In addition to the history, development, and nature of work in the profession, the basics of collections management and development, intellectual control, preservation, conservation, and technological applications will be presented.



LIS412 Library Management and Leadership (3)

This course will cover the policies and procedure necessary for the effective operation of a library and information centers. The course will explore the policies and procedures required for budgeting, planning, promoting and assessing library and information programs.

LIS414 Organization of Knowledge (3)

This course provides an introduction to the organization of print and electronic resources. Topics to be covered include cataloging and classification of resources, use of controlled vocabularies, and intellectual access to those resources.

LIS490 Internship

This course provides hands-on instruction and experience in a library, archive, museum, or other information centers.

LIS498 Special Topics (3)

Reader/Content Advisory Course (3-5)

Students will select from a variety of preapproved courses from other academic disciplines that provide in-depth analysis of a literary genre or historical period. This requirement is designed to enable students to advise readers on fiction and nonfiction titles in a specific area of interest.

Graduation Plans

Apply for the minor

To apply for the minor, complete the [online application](#).

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Program Advising

Example: Major in English Language and Literature

General Education Requirements: 75 credits

Major Requirements: 72 credits

LIS Minor: 29-32 credits

Electives: 1- 4 credits

Total Credits: 180

Example: Major in History Large Plan

General Education Requirements: 75 credits



Major Requirements: 74 credits
 LIS Minor: 29-32 credits
 Electives: 0-2 credits
 Total Credits: 180

EXAMPLE 2017-19 UNDERGRADUATE COURSE PLANS

[2-Year Plan](#)



[3-Year Plan](#)

Schedule of Course Offerings

	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
LIS110	X	X	X	X
LIS201	X	X		X
LIS310	X			
LIS314		X		
LIS245	X	X	X	
LIS398/298*				
LIS410		X		
LIS411			X	
LIS412			X	
LIS414	X			
LIS415		X		
LIS490			X	X

*Special Topics courses are offered on an irregular schedule

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