

Library and Information Science

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A Master of Library and Information Science degree from a graduate program accredited by the American Library Association is a prerequisite for a professional career in librarianship, and a broad liberal arts education is excellent preparation for the master's program. While librarians have traditionally been educated in the humanities, a background in the social, physical, or computer sciences is increasingly sought after by employers. Because of the growing emphasis on digital programs and resources in libraries, computing, database, and metadata skills are important areas of concentration. Many graduate programs offer opportunities to specialize in areas such as archives and record management, informatics, and data services. Archivist positions generally require the MLIS degree; some graduate programs may offer Master of Archives and Records Management degrees, while others offer concentrations or certificates in Archives together with a MLIS degree.

Penrose Library regularly offers student employment in circulation, cataloging, and archives; other opportunities are occasionally available. The librarian listed above is available to discuss graduate school preparation and career possibilities with interested students.

Our library for-credit classes offer an opportunity to learn about Archives and Special Collections (Library 150 and 160) and ethical issues in libraries and information science (Library 120).