

MLS Program Review

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*The information presented here is for comparative purposes only and represents a few of the available programs, which we reviewed. If you are interested in an MLS program, we encourage you to review the ALA website listed below for more complete information. The cost and application information presented here are accurate to the best of our knowledge at the time of printing and are subject to change. *note that all admissions GPA's refer to undergraduate work. It is also assumed that all Universities have some type of application form for graduate school.*

School	Admissions Requirements	Application Deadlines	Cost	Visits	Graduation Requirements	Comments
Drexel University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 yr. bachelor's degree in any major (GPA of 3.0 or higher) • Official Transcripts from all universities or colleges • GRE Scores • 1 letter of recommendation (2 preferred) • current resume • Essay (abt. 500 words) • International- Tofel scores required 	<p>Fall 2013- Aug. 30, 2013 Spring 2014- Feb. 3, 2014 Fall 2014- Sept. 2, 2014</p>	\$1,085 per credit hour	None required. No on-campus compressed courses are offered.	45 Credits	<p>9-12 hours per week 10-week quarters</p> <p>http://www.drexel.com/online-degrees/information-sciences-degrees/ms-di/index.aspx</p>
Emporia State University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic Application http://www.emporia.edu/grad/admissions/ • Official transcripts from all undergraduate colleges/universities (GPA under 3.0 may be considered for probationary admission) • Admissions interview • 2 letters of reference • Current resume or CV • Statement of Objectives 	<p>Admitted as a cohort. Upcoming Cohort January 2014</p> <p>Rolling admissions process (November 1st is more definitive deadline)</p>	<p>Nonresidents: \$713/hr + \$60/course</p> <p>KS residents \$277/hr + \$60/course</p>	<p>No visits to Kansas required.</p> <p>2 to 3 weekends are expected at the Salt Lake City location.</p>	36 Credits	<p>General info http://slim.emporia.edu/index.php/applying/</p> <p>SLC & Orem http://slim.emporia.edu/index.php/regional-locations/salt-lake-city/</p>

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Florida State University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of Completion of a Bachelor's Degree • Minimum 3.0 GPA • Preferred GRE scores of: Verbal 150, Quantitative 149, Writing 4.0 • International: TOEFL score of 585 total/61 writing; IBT 94 Total/24 writing; IELTS 6.5 	Fall Semester- July 1 Spring – November 1 Summer – March 1	Nonresident: \$1,163.10 per credit hour Resident: \$20 per semester in fees \$531.70 per credit hour	None required	36 hours are required, thesis optional	Rank No. 1 Nationally for Children and Youth Services. Ranked 5 th in School Library Media and 10 th for LIS schools. Offers an LIS Doctorate in Information Sciences http://learningforlife.fs.u.edu/online/prospectiv/graduateprograms/infstudies.cfm
North Carolina Central University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor Degree (with at least 90 semester hours of liberal arts courses) • Cumulative GPA of 2.7 • Official copy of one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GRE ○ GMAT ○ LSAT • Online application (\$40 fee) • 2 Positive letters of recommendations • TOEFL scores for International students 	Fall semester –June 1 (May 1 for international students); Spring Semester- November 1 (October 1 for international students) Continuous admissions	Out of State: \$798.24 per credit hour + additional fees In-state: \$227.21 per credit hour + additional fees	None required.	36 hours. Must have minimum of 3.0 GPA to graduate + language requirement. Students who hold a masters or Ph.D may complete the course in 30 hours.	http://www.nccuslis.org/programs/mls.php

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Southern Connecticut State University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$50 app. Fee • Copies of all official college-level transcripts • minimum GPA 3.0 • 2 Letters of Recommendation • Resume • 200-500 word Statement • Evidence of Bachelor's Degree • GRE scores 	<p>Rolling Admissions</p> <p>Continuous Enrollment</p>	<p>\$383 per credit hour + \$258 general fee per credit hour + \$55 registration fee = \$696</p>	None required	36 credits.	<p>Known for school media specialist certification. Teachers certificate or Parxis I test scores required for application to that program.</p> <p>http://www.southernct.edu/ils/programs/masteroflibraryscience/</p>
Syracuse University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online graduate program application • Application Fee of \$75 • One copy of records of all previous postsecondary education • Personal statement of about 500 words • 2 Letters of Recommendation • GRE scores • International: TOEFL • Resume or CV • International Students: Financial documents 	<p>Summer and Fall semester- February 1</p> <p>They will accept applications after this deadline on a space available basis</p>	<p>\$1,294 per credit hour</p> <p>Tuition \$23,292 for 18 credits</p> <p>Online fee due each semester</p> <p>3 > \$75</p> <p>4-8 \$125</p> <p>9+ \$175</p>	An initial 7 day residency for on-line program.	36 credits, of which 6 may come from other course work. Summer institute programs allow many opportunities for students and library professionals.	<p>On-line and on campus options available. Syracuse has significant experience in delivering on-line courses (since 1993) There are several different funding opportunities available. US News rated #3.</p> <p>http://ischool.syr.edu/academics/graduate/mls/index.aspx</p>

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University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's Degree • 3.0 GPA for final two years (GRE required only in cases where GPA is less than 3.0) • 3 letters of reference; • GSLIS personal statement • Transcripts • Resume • interview essay 	Summer Semester of on-line program (LEEP)- March 1 but will accept applications until program is full	\$4,212 for 4 graduate hours (out-of-state) LEEP on-line program	Initial 10-day summer residency. Each class has a brief residency requirement. Students are required to come to campus 1 day per course that they are enrolled per semester.	10 units (40 semester hours)	Adjunct to campus program. Significant travel required. US News rated #1 in 2009. http://www.lis.uiuc.edu/
University of North Texas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply to UNT Toulouse School of Graduate Studies (Application fee) • GRE, GMAT, or MAT • Transcripts • 3 letters recommendation • personal statement • 2.8 undergraduate GPA • resume 	Rolling enrollment- Summer, Fall, and Spring	About 581.79 per credit hour + fees = about 724.70 per credit hour	Two 4-day visits or one 9-day visit to a web institute. The rest of the program is on-line.	36 hours. Up to 9 hours of other course work may be transferred to UNT, including other degrees permitted. Capstone experience + a practicum.	Possibly a Provo/Orem cohort http://www.lis.unt.edu/main/
University of Pittsburgh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Application • application fee \$50 • 3.0 GPA • Transcripts • statement of intent • resume • 2 letters of recommendation 	Fall and Summer Terms- January 15; Spring term- September 15	\$10,166 full time \$830 per credit (residents) \$16,645 full time \$1,371 per credit (out of state) *fees*	An initial 4-day visit, followed by a weekend visit every term.	36 credits. Up to 6 hours of credit, excluding work in another degree may be transferred.	The program is designed to be taken on-line. US News rated in top ten. http://www.ischool.pitt.edu/lis/
University of Southern Mississippi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online application • 3.0 GPA last 2 years of undergraduate • 3 letters of recommendation; • GRE scores • Resume • Letter of intent 	Fall 2013 –August 15 Spring 2014 –Dec. 7 Summer 2014—May 15	\$375 per credit hour (resident) \$460 per credit hour (out of state) Total Tuition for Non Residents \$835	By request/ appointment	40 credit hours	Extensive on-line chat and real-time communication with Window's Live. http://www.usm.edu/sl

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University of Tennessee, Knoxville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$60 Fee • GPA of 3.25 • GRE scores • 1 transcript • 500 word essay of intent • 3 letters of recommendation • TOEFL required for international students 	<p>Rolling admissions until incoming class is full</p> <p>Students admitted the fall or spring semester</p>	<p>\$547 Per Credit Hour Residents</p> <p>\$1,558 Per Credit Hour Out of state</p>	<p>Initial two-day orientation at the beginning of the student's program. Visits also required for thesis or comprehensive exam if applicable.</p>	<p>42 credits, of which 6 can be transferred from another institution as long as those credits transferred were not counted towards a previous degree;</p>	<p>http://www.sis.utk.edu/programs</p>
University of Washington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's degree • 3.0 GPA • International students: TOEFL • Online Application (\$75) • Personal Statement (750-1000 words) • Resume or CV • 3 Recommendations; • Program Mode preference • Supplemental questions • Transcripts • GRE scores 	<p>Fall Semester-February 1</p> <p>*To be considered for an iSchool merit-based scholarship, the application must be submitted and all applications materials must be received by Jan. 20, 2014</p>	<p>On-line- \$705 per credit hour</p>	<p>2 different modes: On-line or residential and you must specify which you are applying for on the application.</p> <p>One time orientation visit required in the fall for on-line program.</p>	<p>63 credits required for graduation.</p>	<p>Please see website for law-MLS information:</p> <p>US News Best Graduate Schools 2011</p> <p>http://ischool.uw.edu/future/mlis</p>
San Jose State University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's degree • 3.0 GPA • General understanding of computers & tech. • Application; \$55 application fee; • Transcript from undergraduate • GRE and references not needed 	<p>Deadlines for Spring 2014</p> <p>Special Session (online) Opens Aug. 1, 2013 Closes Sept. 30, 2013</p>	<p>About \$474 per unit + fees</p> <p>Total cost of degree = \$20,382</p>	<p>Program is entirely on-line</p>	<p>Requires the successful completion of 43 units, including work that satisfies the requirement of a culminating experience in compliance with University regulations and School policies.</p>	<p>Popular due to the complete on-line option and relatively low cost per credit.</p> <p>Website offers 4 video tutorials and an example class.</p> <p>http://slisweb.sjsu.edu/index.htm</p>