EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES. EXPANDED OPPORTUNITIES.

With a Master’s Degree in Library and Information Science from San José State University, the possibilities are truly endless. Whether you’re considering a career in information science or librarianship, the breadth of our fully online curriculum will prepare you for any number of exciting career opportunities. Plus, you’ll collaborate with award-winning faculty, future information professionals, and thousands of alumni from around the globe.

“The online learning environment was great, the instructors were excellent, and the coursework prepared me well for my career.”

Fall 2012 Graduate

Master’s Degree in Library and Information Science (MLIS)

SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE
TRACY (GUZA) WOLFE (MLIS 2011)
is a Media Manager at Corbis Images in Seattle, Washington. She works with the communications team at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, handling the digital asset management system for all of their photography.

RON CASCELLA (MLIS 2011)
is working as a Web Production Assistant at Adobe Systems in Seattle, Washington, putting his MLIS skills to work developing web pages and managing Adobe’s digital assets.

LAURA MOODY (MLIS 2004)
landed her dream job as the first Public Services Librarian at the new Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Library and Archives in Cleveland, Ohio. Moody is working with her colleagues to develop what is planned to be the largest collection of rock and roll research in the world.

“I entered the job market with usable skills.”
Spring 2012 graduate

What Do You Aspire To Be?

Our alumni are putting their Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) degrees to work in diverse and global information landscapes, encompassing varied industries and professional positions.

SJSU SLIS graduates work at medical facilities, law firms, public libraries, academic libraries, high-tech companies, schools, and more. Their business cards carry titles such as Information Architect, Usability Analyst, Librarian, and Web Technologist – just a sampling of what you can be.

Discover your dream career
SJSU SLIS offers a wealth of career development resources that will help you find the career pathway that’s right for you. These resources include self-assessment quizzes to help you pinpoint your career direction, résumé workshops, job search tips and strategies, job listings, and career guidance. All of our career resources are freely available on our website: http://slisweb.sjsu.edu/careers

Choose from many pathways
The wide range of electives available to our MLIS students allows them to pursue numerous career pathways. All of our graduates receive a diploma that says they earned an MLIS degree, without noting any specialization. However, we’ve developed a dozen career pathways to help students explore and select electives. Many students choose courses from more than one career pathway, building skillsets that are comprehensive and transferable to a wide range of organizations and industries.

Career Pathways

Leadership and Management
Archival Studies and Records Management
Information Instruction
Web Programming and Information Architecture
Emerging Technologies
Librarianship
Special Librarianship
Academic Librarianship
Teacher Librarianship
Public Librarianship
Digital Services

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at San José State University School of Library and Information Science

**Personalized Learning**

SJSU SLIS students can customize their educational experience at our School to fit their interests and career objectives, selecting from more than 60 electives offered each semester. The MLIS curriculum is constantly evaluated and updated to align with today’s job market and emerging trends in the library and information science field. In all courses, students explore how to use emerging technology. Many MLIS electives specifically focus on technology, such as courses in data mining, web analytics, information visualization, and use of mobile devices in information environments.

**Program Snapshot**

- **43 units** to degree
- **15 total courses:** 6 required courses + 9 electives
- **Choice of thesis or e-portfolio** for culminating experience

**Internships**

MLIS students can gain real-world experience in an information center while expanding their professional network by completing an internship as part of their coursework. Our robust internship program offers more than 200 internship opportunities each semester, allowing students to choose the one that best fits their professional interests.

How do internships work in our fully online MLIS program? SJSU SLIS students have the option to complete an on-site internship located near their home. Or they can complete a virtual internship, where they interact with a host organization that may be located nearby or across the continent. Our expansive virtual internship program gives students the opportunity to engage in exciting learning opportunities that fit their career aspirations, regardless of where they live.

Although we don’t require our MLIS students to complete an internship, many take advantage of the program’s numerous benefits. From trying out different organizations and positions, to building their professional network and work experience, to enjoying the ultimate reward of full-time employment, student interns are enthusiastic about our program.

**Professional Networking**

Networking opportunities abound at the SJSU School of Library and Information Science. All new MLIS students receive a complimentary one-year membership in their preferred professional association, including the American Library Association, Special Libraries Association, American Society for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T), and ARMA International.

MLIS students also benefit from the opportunity to participate in our School’s active professional association student chapters. Students interact with their peers and professional leaders through virtual networking events, workshops, and conferences, as well as blogs and online discussion forums. Our student chapters have won numerous awards recognizing their excellence and their innovative approach to serving online students, including the 2012 ASIS&T Student Chapter of the Year.
5 Benefits of our School’s Fully Online Delivery Model

1. Coursework and instruction are designed for online learning. Our instructors are experts in online teaching and only teach online courses.

2. Technology is at the forefront of everything we do, with dedicated resources to support adoption of new technologies that advance our online learning environment.

3. All of our students are online students, who may live across town or on the other side of the globe, providing a diversity of perspectives that enrich each student’s learning journey.

4. All of our School’s resources are focused on supporting online students, including our career counseling, academic advising, and technology support team.

5. Our faculty can focus all their time, energy, and creativity on meeting the needs of our online students. Our programs are only offered online.

Outstanding Faculty

Our faculty members are award-winning scholars and leaders in their professional communities. Serving as investigators for grant-funded research projects, they play an instrumental role in the evolution of our field. Many are former practitioners, and some are currently working in the field, bringing a practical perspective to their courses. They contribute their expertise as educators and scholars in areas as diverse as school library media services, management, emerging technology, youth services, digital archives, preservation, knowledge management, and reference services.

Innovative Online Environment

Every MLIS course at our School is taught fully online. Our instructors are experts in online teaching and receive ongoing training and mentoring to stay up-to-date with the latest developments in online education. They use emerging technology in their courses to enrich student learning in our engaging and interactive online environment.

Our instructors and students exchange ideas and perspectives via live web conferences, recorded audio lectures, screencasts, emails, online discussion forums, blogs, instant messaging, and social networks. The multimedia format enlivens the learning experience while introducing students to the same types of tools they’ll use in their future careers.

“Our using these communication technologies in the learning environment was fun, and it was also part of my training as a real-world information professional.”

Kate Tasker (MLIS 2012)

As an MLIS student at our School, you’ll interact with your instructors frequently and conveniently. Our instructors will facilitate your learning and engage with you throughout each course. They are also committed to responding to your questions quickly, using a variety of communication tools, including instant messaging, emails, phone calls, and online discussion forums.

Our students get the preparation and technical assistance they need to be successful in our online program. Before new SLIS students dive into their first courses, they are introduced to our School’s technology in a guided learning experience. This highly-supported, one-unit introductory course ensures students are ready to hit the ground running and be successful in our School’s online learning environment.

Our Online MLIS Program Fits into Your Life

- Earn your MLIS degree from San José State University without stepping foot on the Silicon Valley campus. There are no on-campus orientations or other required in-person events.
- Begin the program when most convenient for you. You can apply for admission in the fall or spring semester.
- Complete the program at your own pace. You can attend as a full-time or part-time student, choosing the number of courses you want to take each semester.
- Fit coursework around your schedule. Most course content is delivered asynchronously.
- Intern at an information center or high tech company located across the country through our virtual internship program.
- Access the resources you need virtually, including academic advising, faculty office hours, library resources, career counseling, technical support, and more.
Applying to the MLIS Program

We’re excited that you are considering earning your ALA-accredited MLIS degree from the San José State University School of Library and Information Science. You can apply for admission in the fall or spring semester. Please check our website for current application deadlines: http://slisweb.sjsu.edu/applicationdeadlinesmlis

Admission Requirements:

- A Bachelor’s degree from any regionally accredited institution in any discipline with an overall GPA of at least 3.0
- A general understanding of computers and technology
- Access to a computer with Internet connection
- International applicants must have a TOEFL score of 600 (paper version) or 250 (computer version) or 100 (Internet-based)

We do not require a GMAT or GRE test, letters of recommendation, a statement of purpose, or a résumé.

Three Step Application Process:

1. Fill out the online application form
2. Pay the $55 application fee
3. Send your transcripts

Tuition

There are two types of fee structures for our MLIS students. Our regular session students live near the San José, California campus, and their tuition is established by the California State University System. Everyone else is considered a special session student. Special session is open to all students, regardless of where they live. Special session tuition is $474 per unit, with a total cost of $20,382 for the degree (43 units). Details about tuition for regular session students can be found on our website: http://slisweb.sjsu.edu/fees

Scholarships

Each spring, our School awards several scholarships to current MLIS students who have demonstrated academic excellence. In addition, San José State University has over 900 scholarships available to students, ranging from $100 to $2,500 per year.

Assistantships

Many MLIS students work as student assistants, helping SJSU SLIS faculty and staff while gaining hands-on experience with research and professional projects. Student assistantship opportunities vary each semester. Student assistantships are paid part-time positions.

“I believe the SJSU SLIS program is the best choice for those who seek a holistic learning experience in our field.”

Spring 2012 graduate

“Given the current trends in the field, I think this degree will give me a competitive edge over recent grads who completed a more traditional MLIS program.”

Spring 2012 graduate
About SJSU SLIS

The San José State University School of Library and Information Science is a recognized leader in online learning and is a member of the Sloan Consortium (Sloan-C) and Quality Matters. In 2012, the School's online programs received a score in the exemplary range according to the Sloan-C Quality Scorecard for the Administration of Online Education Programs.

In addition to the fully online Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) program, SJSU SLIS offers the following programs:

- Teacher Librarian Program
- Master of Archives and Records Administration (MARA)
- Post-Master’s Certificate in Library and Information Science
- San José Gateway PhD Program

Accreditations

Our MLIS program is fully accredited by the American Library Association (ALA). The program has been continuously accredited by ALA since 1969. In addition, San José State University is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

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