FOLLOW YOUR PASSION—AND FIND YOUR DREAM JOB.

Master’s Degree in Library and Information Science (MLIS) – 100% Online

With a Master’s degree in Library and Information Science from the San José State University School of Information, the possibilities are truly endless. Whether you’re considering a career in information science or librarianship, the breadth of our curriculum will prepare you for a wide range of professional careers at diverse organizations and industries.

Our 100% online program allows you to complete courses at your own pace, whenever and wherever is most convenient for you. Plus, you’ll connect with our engaging community of award-winning faculty members, future information professionals and thousands of alumni from around the globe.

PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

- 43 units to earn your degree
- Numerous electives to customize your program
- Choice of thesis or e-portfolio for culminating experience

The education you get from SJSU is all about what you put into it. Everyone that I know that dove in and got involved has only succeeded in life or in their career afterwards.

Whitni Watkins, ’14 MLIS
Web Systems Engineer, Analog Devices

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What career pathway will you choose?

With numerous electives and a variety of course topics available to MLIS students, you can pursue any number of career pathways. All of our graduates receive a diploma that says they’ve earned an MLIS degree, without noting any specialization. However, we’ve developed several career pathways to help students explore and select electives.

Many students choose courses from more than one career pathway, building comprehensive skillsets that are transferable to a wide range of organizations and career opportunities. We also provide online academic advising, personalized career coaching, and virtual internships to help you choose the career path that’s best for you.

San José State is a great university; it has a great School of Information, and I’m proud to be a graduate. It was an amazing experience, and my education there is the reason I’m here now.

Dr. Dennis M. Swanson, ’95 MLIS
Dean of Library Services,
University of North Carolina at Pembroke

Leadership and Management
Information Organization, Description, Analysis, and Retrieval

Information Intermediation and Instruction
Emerging Technologies
Web Programming and Information Architecture

Digital Services
Archival Studies and Records Management

iSchool Alumni at Work

Our alumni are putting their MLIS degrees to work at medical facilities, law firms, libraries, high-tech companies, universities, government agencies, K–12 schools, corporate information centers, non-profit organizations, and more. They’ve been named “ALA Emerging Leaders,” “Movers and Shakers,” and “Rising Stars,” and have received the “I Love My Librarian” award and other notable recognitions.

I don’t have the traditional librarian title, but I utilize what I learned at SJSU every day whether it be in regards to search strings, project management, or anticipating the needs of the user/attorneys.

Sarah Cook, ’13 MLIS
Research Paralegal, Levin Simes LLP
2016 Special Libraries Association Rising Star
What our students love most about the 100% online MLIS program at SJSU iSchool

1. Flexibility

Begin your online study program when it’s most convenient for you. Apply for admission in the fall or spring semester and complete the program at your own pace. Attend as a full-time or part-time student and choose the number of courses you want to take each semester, so you can fit course work around your work schedule and family life. For even greater schedule flexibility, we offer variable unit and intensive courses, so you can complete courses in half the time.

2. Award-Winning Online Learning Environment

100% online learning means that you can complete course work whenever and wherever is most convenient for you. Through our engaging and interactive online environment, you’ll network with students and professionals from around the globe, providing a diversity of perspectives to enrich your learning journey.

3. Customized Curriculum

Customize your educational experience to fit your interests and career objectives, selecting from a diverse array of electives and internship opportunities offered each semester. With 3-unit, 2-unit, and 1-unit electives to choose from, you have the opportunity to study a topic in depth or expand your knowledge in a variety of areas.

4. Professional Networking Opportunities

As an MLIS student, you’ll receive a complimentary one-year membership in your preferred professional association and can participate in networking events, workshops and conferences through our school’s active and award-winning professional association student chapters.

5. Outstanding Faculty

SJSU iSchool faculty members are award-winning scholars and leaders from around the globe who contribute their expertise in everything from big data and cybersecurity to digital curation and youth services. Many are former practitioners, and some are currently working in the field, bringing a practical perspective to their courses.
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Admission Requirements:
• A bachelor’s degree from any regionally accredited institution in any discipline with a GPA of at least 3.0 at the bachelor’s degree institution or in the last 60 semester or 90 quarter units
• A general understanding of computers and technology
• Access to a computer with Internet connection and appropriate software
• International applicants must have a TOEFL score of 600 (paper version), 250 (computer version), or 100 (Internet-based); or an IELTS score of 8

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

Apply Now!
1 Fill out the online application form at ischool.sjsu.edu/mlis-admissions
2 Pay the $55 application fee
3 Send your transcripts

Tuition:
There are two types of fee structures at our school. Regular Session students (U.S. zip codes 939XX–958XX) pay tuition established by the California State University system. Special Session students (all other U.S. zip codes and international) pay $474 per unit, for a total cost of $20,382 for the degree (43 units). Fees are subject to review and change. Scholarships and paid student assistant positions may be available. For more information, go to ischool.sjsu.edu/fees.

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

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