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 thing that I love most about the LIS field is its practical application to just about every part of our society. Regardless of whether you are working in a library or working for a high-tech company like I do at NASA and Caltech’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory, the skills are useful and practical.

JonLuc Christensen, ’19 MLIS

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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.

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 never thought I would get a job with my marketing background doing marketing for a library. And I’m very happy to say I have my dream job.”

Jasmin LoBasso, ’19 MLIS Marketing Director, Kern County Library Bakersfield, CA

CHECK OUT SOME OF OUR COURSE TOPICS:

- Big Data Analytics and Management
- Text and Data Mining
- Information Visualization
- Cybersecurity
- Web Frameworks with Bootstrap
- Linux, Python, Data Security, Networking
- Web Usability
- Health Informatics
- Metadata
- Digital Asset Management
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.

Young Lee, '10 MLIS
MASTER’S DEGREE IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

Admissions 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 $70 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, paid student assistant positions and financial aid 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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