



## Curriculum

Each cohort completes the following courses. All courses are three credit hours. Students take two courses each semester in the fall, spring and summer terms. The timeline below is a sample.

### First Year

- Professional Issues
- Writing in the Academy
- Information Policy
- Information Behavior
- Information Systems Research-Theory and Practice
- Literacy and Learning

### Second Year

- Doctoral Research Methods & Design I
- Doctoral Research Methods & Design II
- Teaching in the Academy
- Dissertation Preparation
- Advanced Independent Study (x2)

### Third Year

After completing coursework, passing a qualifying field examination and receiving approval of a dissertation proposal, PhD students proceed to dissertation work. If you need to extend your work beyond three years, you may repeat the dissertation course for up to two years.

## Wide-Ranging Research

Dominican students have produced successful dissertations on a wide variety of topics, including:

- Building Community in the Academic Library: Exploring the Commuter Student Experience
- We're Listening: Deafness and the Public Library
- RDA and the Music Student: A Domain Analytic Approach to Catalog Needs
- A Cohort's Culture of Learning
- The Public Perception of the Public Library in the Media

# PhD in Information Studies

Get the degree you need for an outstanding career. Our Doctor of Philosophy in Information Studies prepares you for high-level research, teaching and leadership positions in libraries and many other professional settings. It's a model for excellence in a fast-moving field.

## Prepare to lead in the information age

Our faculty come from across the country and around the world. They bring visionary approaches to advancing the complex and flourishing field of information studies. Our cohort model ensures deep intellectual engagement and powerful professional development within a close-knit, collaborative learning environment. A team of advisors, professors and peers will accompany you as you work to achieve your academic, research and professional development goals. New cohorts start every two years. You can choose a concentration in Library and Information Science or Information Management. This demanding yet flexible program prepares you for expansive service in a stimulating and indispensable profession.

## A PhD program designed for the busy professional

With all the demands of home and career, who has time to earn a PhD? You do. This program is designed for working professionals. All classes are offered on weekends on our beautiful campus in River Forest, at the heart of metropolitan Chicago. A few courses are available in a hybrid format that combines the personal interaction of face-to-face classes with the unequalled convenience of online learning. All this means that means you no longer have to interrupt your career to significantly advance your professional education. What's more, unlike traditional residential programs at big universities, Dominican's PhD program can be completed in just three years.



"We have an 80-year tradition of producing leaders who understand that access to information is essential to success and a basic human right. At the iSchool, you'll gain not only knowledge and skills but also a deep understanding of the ethics of the profession."

### Kate Marek

Director, School of Information Studies

## Faculty Expertise

### Areas include:

- Archives and Cultural Heritage
- Cataloging and Classification
- Digital Libraries and Curation
- Informatics
- Information Policy
- Leadership and Advocacy
- Management
- Media and Services for Youth
- School Library Media

## Selected Employers of iSchool Alumni

### Library settings:

- Chicago Public Library
- Elmhurst College
- Hillside College
- Marygrove College
- Northwestern University
- Roosevelt University
- Skokie Public Library
- Saint Catherine University
- State Law Library of Montana
- University of Minnesota
- University of Texas at Arlington
- Western Michigan University

### Additional professional settings:

- Abbott Laboratories
- Argonne National Laboratory
- BMO Harris Bank
- BP
- Chicago History Museum
- Chicago Symphony Orchestra
- Morningstar
- Navigant

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# Our goal: your success

## Get ready for top-level professional achievement

The PhD in Information Studies is a powerful credential for working professionals who are interested in teaching at the post-secondary level, pursuing research in library and information science, or serving in leadership positions in libraries, information centers and many additional professional settings. The program is designed for working professionals with a master's degree (not necessarily in library and information science). Our Accelerated MLIS/PhD option is ideal for practicing information science professionals who are interested in pursuing doctoral-level coursework and research, but who have not yet earned a master's degree. The accelerated degree option can be completed in just four years.

## The iSchool at Dominican: a legacy of excellence

Dominican University has produced generations of leaders in the ever-evolving field of information studies. Today, the iSchool at Dominican offers powerful graduate and undergraduate programs within a relationship-based learning environment. You'll find iSchool graduates contributing to the success of libraries, schools, research institutes, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, corporations and cultural institutions across the United States. These skilled professionals have earned their way into leadership positions in one of a free society's most important fields.



**"Every faculty member is available to answer any question you have, about the subject matter or the profession. If they don't know the answer, they will refer you to someone who does."**

### Bridgette Thoma

Graduate, School of Information Studies