Core Courses

The curriculum is structured around six courses. During the first nine hours of your enrollment, you should complete these three:
- Core Values, Ethics, and Issues in the Library and Information Professions
- Facilitating User Learning and Information Needs
- Organizations of Knowledge

In addition, you'll study:
- Leadership, Marketing and Strategic Communication
- Evidence-Based Planning, Management and Decision Making

Finally, you'll choose from among one of six courses on technology for the library and information professions:
- Foundations of Technology
- System Analysis and Design
- Social Media and Emerging Technologies
- Advanced Web Design
- Metadata for Digital Resources
- Big Data and Competitive Intelligence

Electives

You'll take six elective courses—choosing from more than 60 options. Your faculty advisor will help you create an individualized course of study that will suit your particular professional goals. You also may fulfill your electives requirement by taking up to six semester hours of graduate credit in other disciplines at Dominican University, with the approval of your advisor and the program director.

Library and Information Science

Dominican University's master's program in Library and Information Science is a model for excellence in a fast-moving field. It is the only MLIS program in the Chicago area that is accredited by the American Library Association—the gold standard for learning in the profession.

Prepare for leadership with outstanding faculty

Our faculty come from across the country and around the world. They bring outstanding experience and visionary approaches to advancing the library and information science field. In small classes, you'll work face to face with industry experts and fellow students. You'll gain powerful real world experience through a range of outstanding practicums and internships. You can choose to complete focused coursework in a wide range of specialized subject areas. You can even combine your MLIS degree with a second graduate degree in areas such as business, education or social work. This program will provide you with the full complement of knowledge and skills you need to make a real difference in an essential profession.

With all the demands of home and career, who has time to earn a high-impact master's degree? You do. You can complete the program entirely online, entirely in convenient evening classes, or in a hybrid format that provides you with the best of both worlds: the personal interaction of small classes and the unequaled convenience of online learning. Your faculty advisor will work with you to determine the format and courses that best serve your personal needs and professional goals. And you'll be able to complete the program at a pace that fits your life: in as many as six years or as little as one year.

"Each student is assigned a faculty advisor, and any 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

Our goal: your success

Join the front lines of the information revolution

Today's libraries are a lot more than buildings with books. They are vital communication and community centers—serving a wide diversity of audiences with never-ending needs for information that is critically important to their lives. Our MLIS program is at the forefront of preparing professionals for this dynamic information environment. The university's strong commitment to social justice is fully reflected in the program's focus on advancing intellectual freedom and equal access to information. This program will prepare you to meet the intensifying demand for ethical, thoughtful and skilled professionals who can manage and ensure access to reliable information in many settings throughout our society.

The iSchool at Dominican: an amazing legacy of excellence

Since 1930, Dominican University has produced generations of leaders in the ever-evolving field of library and information science. 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 democratic society's most important fields.

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

Kate Marek
Director, School of Information Studies