



School of Information Studies Outcomes and Achievement Summary 2020-21 Update

Student Retention and Time to Degree Completion

Annually, an average of **92 new** students have enrolled in the Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) each academic year over the past four years. Total MLIS enrollment averages **176** annually, with **69%** of MLIS students typically enrolling part-time and **31%** enrolling full-time in the program.

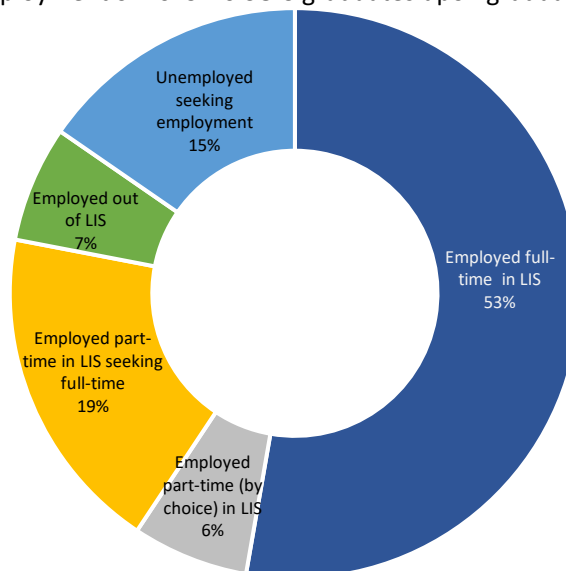
The SOIS MLIS program achieves excellent retention to completion statistics. The fall semester to fall semester retention rate is currently **89.7%** and the portion who graduate within three years is **83.5%**. The average time to complete the MLIS is **2.6 years**. (*Office of Institutional Effectiveness, 2021*)

Employment Outcomes of Program Graduates

SOIS students achieve excellent career outcomes upon completion of their Dominican University experience. Employers rate SOIS graduates highly across key competencies in the field and in their demonstration of our program student learning goals and outcomes.

More than three out of four (**78%**, N = 91) graduating students have secured full or part-time employment in the LIS field immediately upon graduation. Six months later, employment rates reach **86%** in the LIS field. A list of employers of recent graduates follows. Employers rate SOIS graduates highly, as illustrated in the graphs below.

Employment of 2019-20 SOIS graduates upon graduation



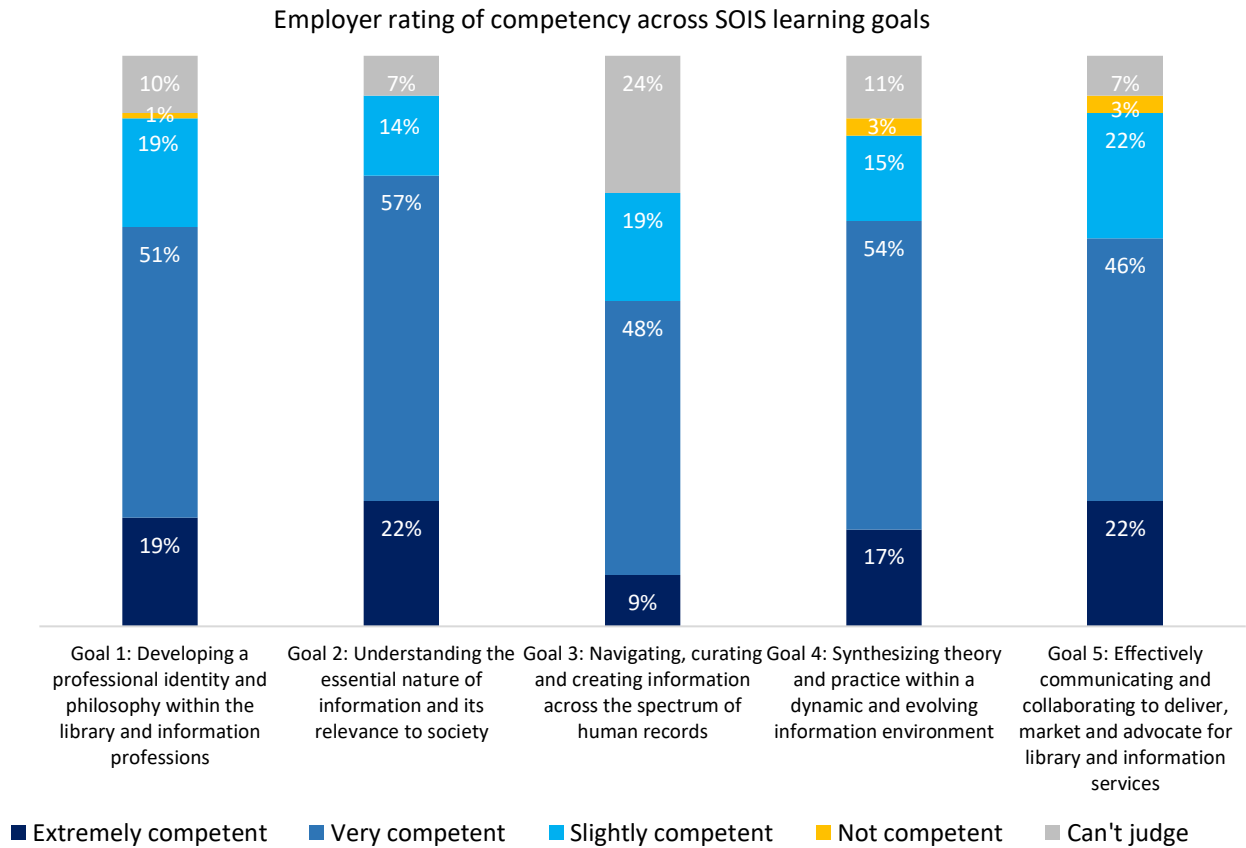
Source: Graduating Student Survey – Office of Institutional Effectiveness - 2020

Organizations employing SOIS 2015 – 2020 graduates

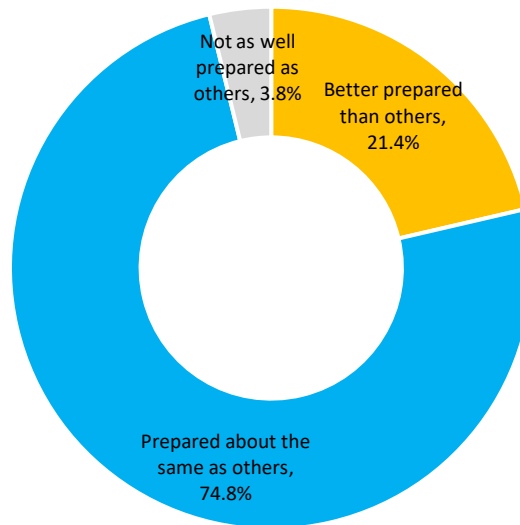
Source: Annual Dominican University Alumnae/i (6-months post-graduation) Survey 2016 – 2020 data

Addison Public Library	Evanston Township High School	Northwest Quality Logo Products
Advanced Resources	Everest Academy	Northwestern University
Al-Haram Al-Maki Al Shareef Library	Fox River Valley Public Library District	Northwestern University Libraries and Press
Allied Benefit Systems	Frances Xavier Warde School	Oak Park Elementary School District #97
Alsip Marrisonette Park Public Library	Franklin Park Public Library	Oak Park Public Library
American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons	Fremont Public Library District	Oakwood Public Library District
American Library Association	Frost Elementary CCSD 21	Palatine Public Library
American Veterinary Medical Association	Gail Borden Public Library District	Park Ridge Public Library
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital	Glen Ellyn Public Library	Pennoyer Elementary School
Archdiocese of Chicago	Glencoe Public Library	Pierce & Associates, P.C.
Aurora Public Library	Glenview Public Library	Prairie State College
Austin Community College	Grande Prairie Public Library District	Pritzker Military Library and Museum
Backstage Library Works	H.W. Lochner, Inc.	Public School System
Barbara's Bookstore	Harvard Diggins Library	Quality Logo Products
Batavia Public Library	Hillsdale College	Regina Dominican High School
Billings Public Schools	Hinsdale Public Library	River Forest Public Library
Bozeman Public Library	History Works	Robert Morris University
British International School of Chicago	Hitchcock Design Group	Roselle Public Library District
Carol Stream Public Library	Homewood Public Library	RPX Corp
Central Piedmont Community College	Hudson Public Library	Sacred Heart schools
Center for Research Libraries	Indian Prairie Public Library	Saline County Library
Chicago Botanic Garden	Indian Trails Public Library	Schaumburg Township District Library
Chicago Public Library	Itasca Community Library	School District 13
Chicago Public Media	Junior Library Guild	School District 46
Chicago Public Schools	Kenosha Public Library	School District 91
Christian Church of Clarendon Hills	La Grange Park Public Library	Skokie Public Library
City of Springfield, IL	LaGrange Public Library	St Luke Parish School
Columbia College Chicago	Lagrange School District 105 South	State law library of Montana
Concordia University	MacArthur Foundation	Sugar Grove Public Library
Cook Memorial Public Library District	Maternity BVM	UChicago Creative
Crafton Public Library District 215 District GCAM	Maywood Public Library	Underwriters Laboratories
Dominican University	McDonald's Corporation	United Airlines
Doody Enterprises, Inc.	Medford School District	University of Chicago
Downers Grove Public Library	Megan Lee Designs	University of Delaware
Eisenhower Public Library	Melrose Park Public Library	US Naval Academy
Ela Area Public Library	Meridian Middle School	Village of Skokie
Elk Grove Village Public Library	Midwestern University	Warrenville Public Library District
Elmhurst College	Monroe County Community College	Wauconda Area Library
Elmwood Park Public Library	Morton College	Westmont Public Library
Erie County Public Library	Mountain View Whisman School District	Wheaton Public Library
Evanston Public Library	Naperville Public Library	Winnetka-Northfield Public Library District
	National Park Service	Wolters Kluwer
	Network Ninja	Woods Creek Elementary School - District 47
	Neuqua Valley High School	Yaskawa America, Inc.
	New Lenox Public Library	
	Newberry Library	
	Northbrook Public Library	

Employers rate the preparation and contribution of the SOIS graduates highly, as illustrated by the graphs below.



Employer comparison of SOIS graduates' preparation

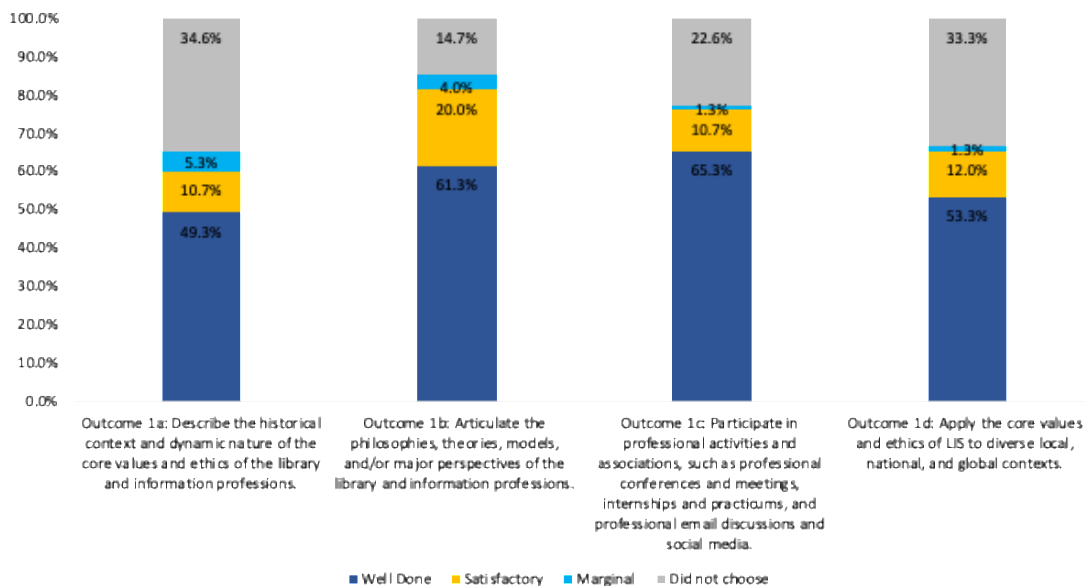


Source: SOIS Biennial Employer Survey – Office of Institutional Effectiveness - Fall 2020

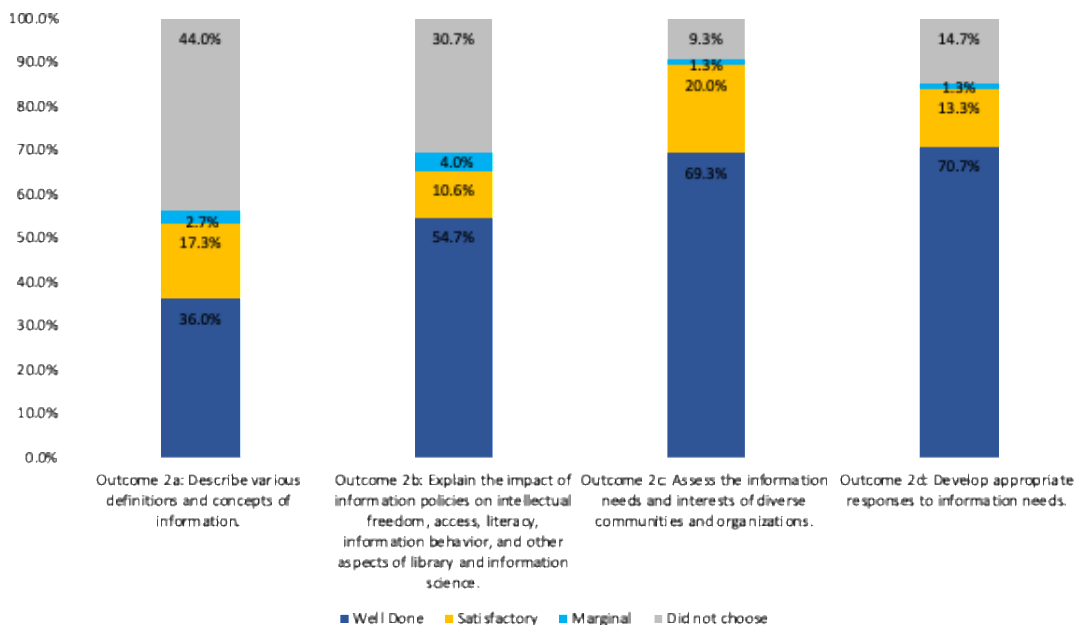
Student Achievement Data

Student achievement throughout the MLIS program is assessed through a variety of course-embedded assessments that align to the stated learning outcomes of each course. In the comprehensive e-Portfolio, students reflect upon and demonstrate mastery of the program's learning goals and outcomes as a culminating assessment project. The e-Portfolio gives students an opportunity to demonstrate competency in four learning outcomes for each of the five broad learning goals. The following graphs illustrate the MLIS 2019-20 graduates' e-portfolio achievement across the five student learning goals and their corresponding outcomes.

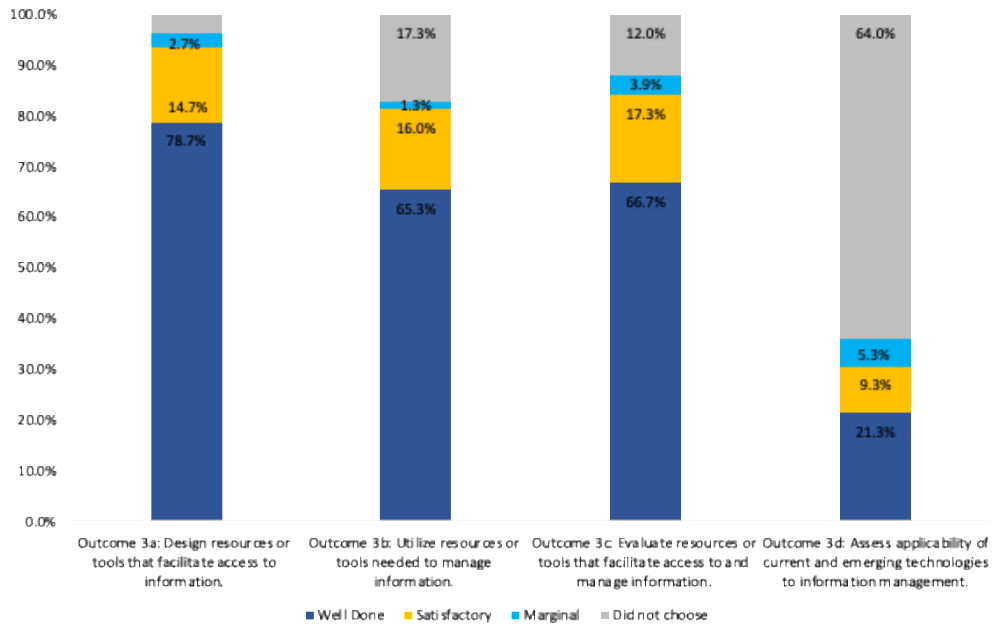
2019-20 achievement on Goal 1 Outcomes



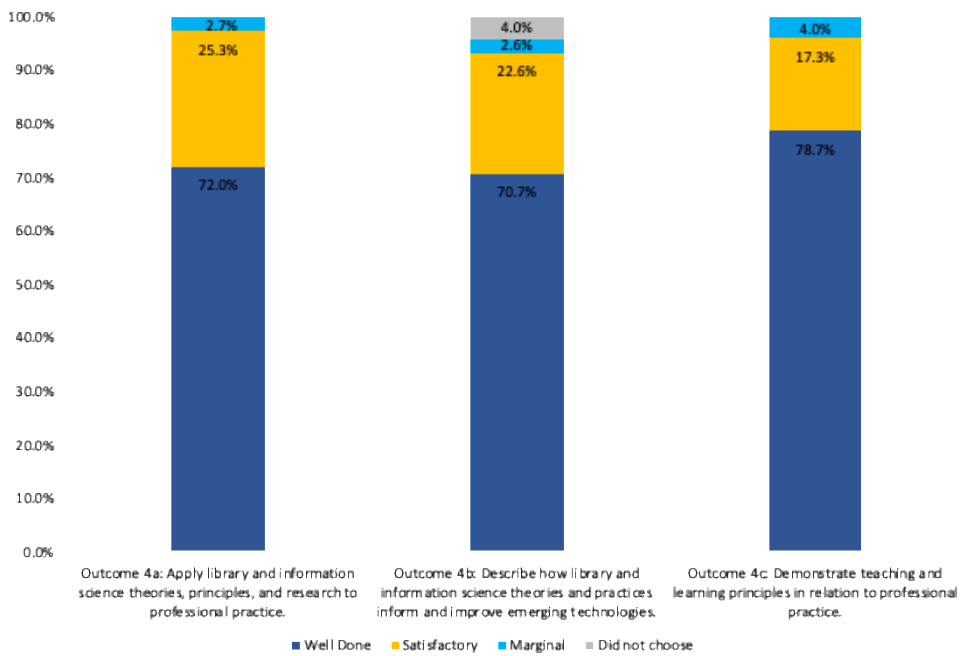
2019-20 achievement on Goal 2 Outcomes

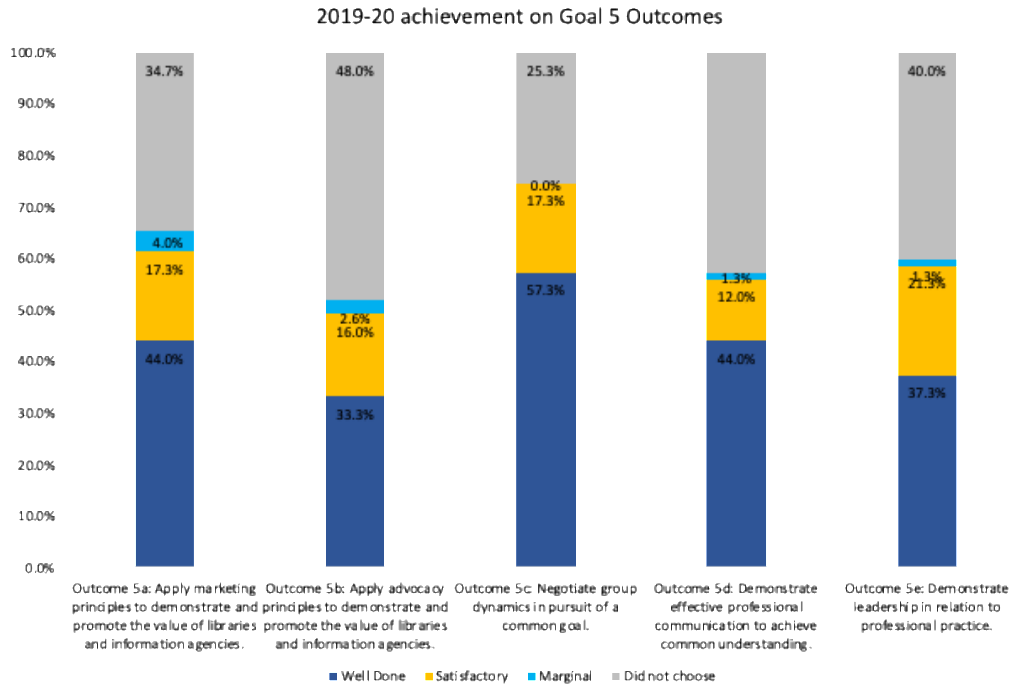


2019-20 achievement on Goal 3 Outcomes



2019-20 achievement on Goal 4 Outcomes





Source: 2019-20 graduates' e-portfolio rubric scores – Office of Institutional Effectiveness

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