

Many Universities offer programs in Library and Information Studies/Science (LIS) that provide a rigorous and rewarding course of study for prospective records and information professionals. Below are the top 10 LIS graduate programs in the nation (as ranked by U.S. News Report):

Top 10 LIS Programs for 2013

University Name:	University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign, IL
Degree/Certification(s) Offered:	<p><u>Master of Science (M.S.)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Community College Librarianship</u> • <u>Community Informatics</u> • <u>Concentration in Data Curation</u> <p><u>Master of Science in Biological Informatics</u></p> <p><u>K-12 Library Information Specialist Certification Program</u></p> <p><u>Certificate of Advanced Study (C.A.S.)</u></p> <p><u>C.A.S in Digital Libraries</u></p> <p><u>Doctoral Program (Ph.D.)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Information in Society concentration</u> <p><u>Online Graduate Education (LEEP)</u></p>
College/Department:	Graduate School of Library and Information Science
Program Start Date:	The Graduate School of Library and Information Science was founded in 1893. The online education program (LEEP) began in 1996, and the advanced degree in digital libraries was first offered in 2005.
Online Courses Offered (Y/N):	Y
Courses:	A number of courses are offered depending on the student's chosen degree path. These may be viewed at: http://www.lis.illinois.edu/oc/courses/catalog/course-list.html
Additional Information:	Additional information regarding the program is available at: http://www.lis.illinois.edu/about/

University Name:	University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, NC
Degree/Certification(s) Offered:	<u>Bachelor of Science in Information Science (BSIS)</u> <u>Master of Science in Information Science (MSIS)</u> <u>Master of Science in Library Science (MSLS)</u> <u>Dual Degrees with other schools and departments</u> <u>Certificates of Specialization</u> <u>Archives and Records Management (ARM) Concentration</u> <u>Doctoral program (Ph.D.)</u>
College/Department:	School of Information and Library Science
Program Start Date:	The School of Library Science was founded in 1931. In 1987, the name was changed to reflect the importance of information use and management.
Online Courses Offered (Y/N):	Students enrolled at the university have the option to take some courses via the Web-based Information Science Education (WISE) program.
Courses:	A complete list of the courses offered is available at: http://sil.unc.edu/programs/
Additional Information:	For further information regarding the available programs, please visit: http://sil.unc.edu/about/

University Name:	Syracuse University – Syracuse, NY
Degree/Certification Offered:	<u>B.S. in Information Management and Technology</u> <u>Master of Science in Information Management</u> <u>Executive Master of Science in Information Management</u> <u>Master of Science in Library and Information Science</u> <u>Master of Science in Library and Information Science--School Media Specialization</u> <u>Ph.D in Information Science and Technology</u> <u>Doctorate of Professional Studies in Information Management</u>
College/Department:	School of Information Studies
Program Start Date:	Founded as a Library Science School in 1896.
Online Courses Offered (Y/N):	Yes. All Certifications and Master's degrees may be obtained online.
Courses:	For a list of the available courses, please click on the applicable degree program at the link below: http://ischool.syr.edu/academics/
Additional Information:	Additional information about the School of Information Studies is available at: http://ischool.syr.edu/about/

University Name:	University of Washington – Seattle, WA
Degree/Certification Offered:	<u>Informatics (BS)</u> <u>Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS)</u> <u>Information Management (MSIM)</u> <u>Ph.D. in Information Science</u>
College/Department:	Information School
Program Start Date:	In 1911, the school's first full-time Library Economy degree program was offered.
Online Courses Offered (Y/N):	Yes. Online MLIS, MSIM, and Ph.D. programs are available.
Courses:	Course information is available for each degree program at: http://www.ischool.washington.edu/courses/descriptions.aspx
Additional Information:	Additional information including news & events as well as student resources is available at: http://www.ischool.washington.edu/

University Name:	University of Michigan – Ann Arbor, MI
Degree/Certification(s) Offered:	<p><u>Master of Science in Information (MSI): 48 credit hours</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Archives and Records Management (ARM)</u> ○ <u>Community Informatics</u> ○ <u>Human-Computer Interaction (HCI)</u> ○ <u>Information Analysis and Retrieval</u> ○ <u>Information Policy</u> ○ <u>Incentive-Centered Design</u> ○ <u>Library and Information Services (LIS)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>School Library Media</u> ○ <u>Preservation of Information</u> ○ <u>Social Computing</u> <p><u>Doctor of Information (Ph.D.): 36 credit hours</u></p>
College/Department:	School of Information
Program Start Date:	The School of Information was re-chartered in 1996.
Online Courses Offered (Y/N):	N
Courses:	For a comprehensive list of the courses offered, please click on the following link: http://www.si.umich.edu/courses/
Additional Information:	Additional information such as tuition fees and demographics are located at: http://www.si.umich.edu/courses/

University Name:	Rutgers University – New Brunswick, NJ
Degree/Certification(s) Offered:	<u>Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS)</u> <u>Ph.D: Communication, Information and Library Studies</u>
College/Department:	School of Communication and Information
Program Start Date:	The Graduate School of Library and Information Studies was established in the 1920's.
Online Courses Offered (Y/N):	Yes. The MLIS program offers students the opportunity to obtain a degree via online courses.
Courses:	For a list of all MLIS courses, please visit: http://comminfo.rutgers.edu/component/option,com_courses/task,listing/sch,17/cur,610/Itemid,54/ For a complete list of Ph.D. courses, please see: http://comminfo.rutgers.edu/component/option,com_courses/task,listing/sch,16/cur,194/Itemid,54/
Additional Information:	Additional information regarding both advanced degree programs may be found at: http://comminfo.rutgers.edu/library-and-information-science/library-and-information-science-department.html

University Name:	Indiana University – Bloomington, IN
Degree/Certification(s) Offered:	<u>Master of Information Science (MIS)</u> <u>Master of Library Science (MLS)</u> <u>Dual Degrees, Specializations, and Certificates</u> <u>Specialist in Library and Information Science</u> <u>Ph.D. in Information Science</u>
College/Department:	School of Library and Information Science
Program Start Date:	Information is unavailable
Online Courses Offered (Y/N):	N
Courses:	A complete list of the numerous courses offered for the Spring 2010 semester is located at: http://www.slis.indiana.edu/courses/schedule.php?semester_id=45
Additional Information:	Admission requirements, online applications and additional information may be found at: http://www.slis.indiana.edu/

University Name:	University of Texas – Austin, TX
Degree/Certification Offered:	<u>PhD - Doctor of Philosophy</u> <u>MSIS - Master of Science in Information Studies</u> <u>Certificate of Advanced Study</u> <u>Conservation</u> <u>Preservation Administration</u> <u>Standard School Librarian Certificate</u>
College/Department:	School of Information
Program Start Date:	Founded in 1948.
Online Courses Offered (Y/N):	Students may participate in the Web-based Information Science Education (WISE) program. See additional details at: http://www.ischool.utexas.edu/courses/wise.php
Courses:	A comprehensive list of courses is available at: http://www.ischool.utexas.edu/courses/course_descriptions.php
Additional Information:	Additional information including admission requirements may be found at: http://www.ischool.utexas.edu/about/

University Name:	Drexel University – Philadelphia, PA
Degree/Certification(s) Offered:	<p><u>Master of Science in Information Science (MSIS)</u></p> <p><u>Master of Science in Library and Information Science (MS)</u></p> <p><u>Master of Science in Health Informatics (MSHI)</u></p> <p><u>Dual Degrees</u> with other schools and departments</p> <p><u>Doctoral program (Ph.D.)</u></p>
College/Department:	College of Information Science and Technology
Program Start Date:	The iSchool at Drexel is creating tomorrow's knowledge society. The Graduate Program was launched in 1974, and increased online MSIS programs in 1996.
Online Courses Offered (Y/N):	Y - MS, on campus and online
Courses:	A complete list of the courses offered is available at: http://www.ischool.drexel.edu/PS
Additional Information:	For further information regarding the available programs, please visit: http://www.ischool.drexel.edu/Home

University Name:	Simmons College – Boston, MA
Degree/Certification(s) Offered:	<p><u>Master of Science in Library and Information Sciences (MSLIS)</u></p> <p><u>Dual Degree Programs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Archives/History</u> • <u>LIS/Children’s Literature</u> • <u>BS/MS</u> <p><u>Doctoral Studies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Ph.D/LIS</u> • <u>Ph.D/MLIP (Leadership in Information Professions)</u> <p><u>Certifications/Continuing Education</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Archives Concentration</u>
College/Department:	Graduate School of Library and Information Science
Program Start Date:	1902
Online Courses Offered (Y/N):	Yes. Archives Management concentration fully online
Courses:	<p>A comprehensive list of courses, including course descriptions, is available at:</p> <p><u>http://www.simmons.edu/gslis/academics/courses/index.php</u></p>
Additional Information:	<p>Additional information including frequently asked question may be found at:</p> <p><u>http://www.simmons.edu/gslis/academics/programs/index.php</u></p>

Additional Degree Opportunities:

[Bay Path College](#) – MS in Communication & Information Management

[Curtin University of Technology](#) – Bachelor of Arts: Librarianship and Corporate Information Management, Graduate Diploma: Records Management and Archives, Graduate Diploma: Information and Library Studies, Masters Degree – Information Management

[University of North Dakota](#) – Department of Information Systems and Business Education

[University of North Texas](#) – Masters of Library Science, Masters of Information Science

[University of Maryland –College Park – College of Information Studies](#) – Master of Information Management

[University of Pittsburgh – School of Information Science](#) – Master of Library and Information Sciences

Certificates:

[Cal State Fullerton University Extended Education](#) – Certificate in Electronic Discovery

[Chippewa Valley Technical College](#) – Records & Information Management Specialist Certificate

[Curtin University of Technology](#) – Graduate Certificate: Information and Library Studies, Graduate Certificate: Knowledge Management, Graduate Certificate: Records Management

[University of Arizona](#) – Graduate Certificate: Digital Information Management

[University of Pittsburgh – School of Information Science](#) – Certificate of Advanced Study (CAS)

[Wayne State University](#) – Graduate Certificate: Records and Information Management