



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN LIBRARY AND ONLINE INFORMATION SCIENCE (LEEP)

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REQUIRED COURSES:

Two core courses:

- LIS 501 Information, Organization and Access
- LIS 502 Libraries, Information and Society

The online LEEP Master of Science program equips individuals with the theories and practices of library and information science (LIS). Program objectives include: teaching graduates to anticipate and promote technological changes, fostering critical thinking about literature and research in LIS, and preparing for the evaluation and development of library services. Master's students design their own program of study. Specializations include reference and information services, community information systems, design and evaluation of information systems, data curation, and services for children and young adults. Graduates are qualified for posts as beginning librarians and information scientists.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- A GPA of 3.0/4.0 for the junior and senior undergraduate years
- Official transcripts
- Letters of reference (3)
- GRE test results
 Note: GRE is required if GPA is less than 3.0/4.0 in last 2 years of undergraduate work.
- 2 Essays
- Resume

Contact the iSchool admissions staff with questions regarding the admissions process at (800) 982-0914 or (217) 333-3280 and press "1" at the prompt. Applications are submitted electronically from iSchool website.

COST:

LEEP students are billed per semester hour. Residency determines in-state or out-of-state rates.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

New and continuing students register at <https://apps.uillinois.edu/index.html> after receiving their Enterprise netID and password.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

New LEEP online students begin the program online but attend a required on-campus Welcome Weekend during the fall or spring either during or immediately after their first semester of enrollment. Classes are available in fall, spring, and summer terms.

DELIVERY MODE:

A majority of the coursework is Internet based, completed at the site chosen by the student.

LOCATION(S) OF COURSES:

Most classes require "live" Internet-based interaction at regularly scheduled times. Other class work can be completed per the student's preferred time. Courses involve approximately 10-15 hours per week, including 2 hours of Internet time per week, per course.

TRANSFER HOURS POLICY:

4 credit hours of non LIS graduate level coursework may be transferred into the program. Maximum hours transferred from another university is 8 hours. 4 credit hours of non-LIS graduate level coursework from an accredited university may be transferred into the program or 8 hours of LIS coursework from an ALA-accredited school. The 8 hours cannot be courses comparable to our 2 core courses.

TOTAL HOURS NEEDED:

40 credit hours

FINANCIAL AID INFO:

Student loans available for those accepted into degree program and enrolled at least 6 hours in Fall and Spring, or 3 hours in Summer.

OTHER INFORMATION:

Visit the iSchool website for detailed information on admission requirements, courseloads, scheduling options, and their certificate of advanced study.