Library Science
Pre-Professional Advising
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A graduate degree in library and information science prepares students for professional positions in the management of information in libraries and other environments. According to one graduate program description, the “contemporary librarian has become an essential part of the complex communication/information network that now encircles the globe. Today’s information professional must understand how information is created and disseminated in society; must be familiar with print, non-print, and electronic media; and must be adept in the use of computers, automated techniques, and information networks.”

One to two years of graduate course work in a broad spectrum of areas is generally required for a professional career in library science. The program covers planning and evaluation related to acquiring, organizing and accessing information in library settings. Students also learn to manage, design and deliver information services. Some programs may offer special emphasis on topics such as law or medicine.

Library schools prepare professionals from a variety of academic backgrounds. The caliber of the applicant’s undergraduate work and results of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) are important considerations for acceptance to a professional library studies program.

At UAF, pre-library science students pursue an extensive general undergraduate education. Courses in computer applications and programming, statistics and foreign languages help to satisfy the demands and admission requirements of graduate programs in library science. A background in the social and physical sciences is equally important as the number of special libraries increases. Advisement for students interested in library science is available through the Academic Advising Center. See www.uaf.edu/advising/degree/preprof/libraryscience.html for more information.

Baccalaureate Core Requirements
All degrees (e.g. B.A., B.S., etc.) require additional courses. 
Refer to specific degree and program requirements.

COMMUNICATION (9)
Complete the following:
ENGL 111X .................................................................(3)
ENGL 190H may be substituted.
Complete one of the following:
ENGL 211X OR ENGL 213X ...........................................(3)
Complete one of the following:
COMM 131X OR COMM 141X .................................(3)

PERSPECTIVES ON THE HUMAN CONDITION (18)
Complete all of the following four courses:
ANTH 100X/SOC 100X .............................................(3)
ECON 100X OR PS 100X ............................................(3)
HIST 100X .................................................................(3)
ENGL/FL 200X ............................................................(3)
Complete one of the following three courses:
ART/MUS/THR 200X, HUM 201X OR ANS 202X .......(3)
Complete one of the following six courses:
BA 323X, COMM 300X, JUST 300X, NRM 303X,
PS 300X OR PHIL 322X ...........................................(3)
OR complete 12 credits from the above courses PLUS
• two semester-length courses in a single Alaska Native language or other
  non-English language OR
• three semester-length courses (9 credits) in American Sign Language
  taken at the university level.

MATHEMATICS (3)
Complete one of the following:
MATH 107X, MATH 161X OR MATH 103X ................(3-4)
* No credit may be earned for more than one of MATH 107X or 161X.
OR complete one of the following:
MATH 200X, MATH 201X, MATH 202X,
MATH 262X OR MATH 272X ........................................(4)
* Or any math course having one of these as a prerequisite

NATURAL SCIENCES (8)
Complete any two (4-credit) courses:
ATM 101X .................................................................(4)
BIOL 100X .................................................................(4)
BIOL 103X .................................................................(4)
BIOL 104X .................................................................(4)
BIOL 105X .................................................................(4)
BIOL 106X .................................................................(4)
BIOL 111X .................................................................(4)
BIOL 112X .................................................................(4)
CHEM 100X ...............................................................(4)
CHEM 103X ...............................................................(4)
CHEM 104X ...............................................................(4)
CHEM 105X ...............................................................(4)
CHEM 106X ...............................................................(4)
GEOG 205X ..............................................................(4)
GEOG 210X ..............................................................(4)
GEOG 101X ..............................................................(4)
GEOG 112X ..............................................................(4)
GEOG 120X ..............................................................(4)
GEOG 123X ..............................................................(4)
MSL 111X .................................................................(4)
PHYS 102X ...............................................................(4)
PHYS 103X ...............................................................(4)
PHYS 104X ...............................................................(4)
PHYS 113X ...............................................................(4)
PHYS 116X ...............................................................(4)
PHYS 175X ............................................................... (4)
PHYS 211X ............................................................... (4)
PHYS 212X ............................................................... (4)
PHYS 213X ............................................................... (4)

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION RESEARCH (0–1)
Successful completion of library skills competency test OR
LS 100X or 101X prior to junior standing ....................(0–1)

UPPER-DIVISION WRITING AND ORAL COMMUNICATION (0)
Complete the following:
Two writing intensive courses designated (W) ............(0)
One oral communication intensive course designated (O) ....(0)
OR two oral communication intensive courses designated (O/2), at the
upper-division level (see degree and/or major requirements) ....(0)

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED ......................................38–39