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, nonprint, 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.

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 ......................................(3)  _____

Complete one of the following three courses:
ENGL/FL 200X.................................................................(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 103X, MATH 107X, MATH 161X OR STAT 200X.................(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)  _____

CHEM 107X ...............................................................(4)  _____

CHEM 108X ...............................................................(4)  _____

CHEM 109X ...............................................................(4)  _____

CHEM 110X ...............................................................(4)  _____

CHEM 111X ...............................................................(4)  _____

CHEM 112X ...............................................................(4)  _____

CHEM 113X ...............................................................(4)  _____

CHEM 114X ...............................................................(4)  _____

CHEM 115X ...............................................................(4)  _____

CHEM 116X ...............................................................(4)  _____

CHEM 117X ...............................................................(4)  _____

PHYS 102X ...............................................................(4)  _____

PHYS 103X ...............................................................(4)  _____

PHYS 104X ...............................................................(4)  _____

PHYS 105X ...............................................................(4)  _____

PHYS 113X ...............................................................(4)  _____

PHYS 116X ...............................................................(4)  _____

PHYS 173X ...............................................................(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