

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 specialized 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 F111X (3) _____
ENGL F190H may be substituted.

Complete one of the following:

ENGL F211X OR ENGL F213X (3) _____

Complete one of the following:

COMM F131X OR COMM F141X (3) _____

PERSPECTIVES ON THE HUMAN CONDITION (18)

Complete all of the following four courses:

ANTH F100X/SOC F100X (3) _____
ECON F100X OR PS F100X (3) _____
HIST F100X (3) _____
ENGL/FL F200X (3) _____

Complete one of the following three courses:

ART/MUS/THR F200X, HUM F201X OR ANS F202X (3) _____

Complete one of the following six courses:

BA F323X, COMM F300X, JUST F300X, NRM F303X,
PS F300X OR PHIL F322X (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 F103X, MATH F107X, MATH F161X OR STAT F200X. (3-4) _____
** No credit may be earned for more than one of MATH F107X or F161X.*

OR complete one of the following*:

MATH F200X, MATH F201X, MATH F202X,
MATH F262X OR MATH F272X (4) _____

**Or any math course having one of these as a prerequisite.*

NATURAL SCIENCES (8)

Complete any two (4-credit) courses:

ATM F101X (4) _____
BIOL F100X (4) _____
BIOL F103X (4) _____
BIOL F104X (4) _____
BIOL F111X (4) _____
BIOL F112X (4) _____
BIOL F115X (4) _____
BIOL F116X (4) _____
CHEM F100X (4) _____
CHEM F103X (4) _____
CHEM F104X (4) _____
CHEM F105X (4) _____
CHEM F106X (4) _____
GEOG F205X (4) _____
GEOS F100X (4) _____
GEOS F101X (4) _____
GEOS F112X (4) _____
GEOS F120X (4) _____
GEOS F125X (4) _____
MSL F111X (4) _____
PHYS F102X (4) _____
PHYS F103X (4) _____
PHYS F104X (4) _____
PHYS F115X (4) _____
PHYS F116X (4) _____
PHYS F175X (4) _____
PHYS F211X (4) _____
PHYS F212X (4) _____
PHYS F213X (4) _____

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION RESEARCH (0-1)

Successful completion of library skills competency test OR

LS F100X or F101X 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