

# INFORMATION: RESEARCH, M.S.

This program does not directly admit students. It is a degree for students admitted into the PhD Information who leave the PhD program without fulfilling all the PhD requirements but who have completed all requirements for the Masters of Science: Research.

## ADMISSIONS

This master's program is offered for work leading to the Ph.D. Students may not apply directly for this named option, and should instead see the admissions information for the Ph.D (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/information/information-phd/>).

## FUNDING

## GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

Resources to help you afford graduate study might include assistantships, fellowships, traineeships, and financial aid. Further funding information (<https://grad.wisc.edu/funding/>) is available from the Graduate School. Be sure to check with your program for individual policies and restrictions related to funding.

## REQUIREMENTS

## MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirements>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

## NAMED OPTION REQUIREMENTS MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

## CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

### Requirement Detail

Minimum  
Credit  
Requirement

30 credits

Minimum  
Residence  
Credit  
Requirement

16 credits

Minimum  
Graduate  
Coursework  
Requirement

15 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Details can be found in the Graduate School's Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) policy (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244> (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/>)).

Overall	3.00 GPA required.
Graduate GPA Requirement	This program follows the Graduate School's GPA Requirement policy ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/</a> )).
Other Grade Requirements	Within the student's total program, one grade of BC or C is allowable in either a required or elective course if it is balanced by a grade of A or AB earned either prior to or concurrently with the unsatisfactory grade. Students receiving a BC or C move into probationary status. A second grade of BC or C or any grade of D or F will normally result in the student being dropped from the program. In addition, a student's graduate-program cumulative grade point average must be maintained at 3.00 or above.
Assessments and Examinations	No formal examination is required.
Language Requirements	None.

Students in the MS Information Research Option must complete any 30 credits from the below list of approved courses.

## APPROVED COURSES

Code	Title	Credits
L I S 910	Smr-Research Design & Methodology for Library & Information Studies	3
L I S 925	Professional Writing and Reading (PWR) Seminar	1
L I S 931	Seminar in Information Policy, Management and Institutions	3
L I S 940	Seminar in Information Use and Users in Context	3
L I S 950	Seminar in LIS Foundations: Histories, Philosophies and Debates	3
L I S 975	Seminar in Information Organization and Access	3
L I S 603	Research and Assessment for Information Professionals	3
COM ARTS 762	Communication Research Methods	3
JOURN 658	Communication Research Methods	4
L I S/ COM ARTS 705	Introductory Analytics for Decision Making	3
STAT 371	Introductory Applied Statistics for the Life Sciences	3
SOC/C&E SOC 360	Statistics for Sociologists I	4
SOC 362	Statistics for Sociologists III	4
ED PSYCH 760	Statistical Methods Applied to Education I	3
ED PSYCH 761	Statistical Methods Applied to Education II	3
COMP SCI 319	Data Science Programming I for Research	3
SOC/C&E SOC 365	Data Management for Social Science Research	3-4
L I S 768	Digital Humanities Analytics	3

ELPA 823	Data Management for Education Policy Analysis	3
ED PSYCH 551	Quantitative Ethnography	3
STAT 303	R for Statistics I	1
STAT 304	R for Statistics II	1
STAT 305	R for Statistics III	1
L I S 639	Pedagogical Theory and Practice for Information Professionals	3
CURRIC 818	Teaching Controversial Issues	3
CURRIC 844	Culturally Relevant Pedagogy	3
L I S/CURRIC 620	Field Project in Library and Information Agencies	3
L I S 999	Independent Reading and Research	1-4

## POLICIES

### GRADUATE SCHOOL POLICIES

The Graduate School's Academic Policies and Procedures (<https://grad.wisc.edu/acadpolicy/>) provide essential information regarding general university policies. Program authority to set degree policies beyond the minimum required by the Graduate School lies with the degree program faculty. Policies set by the academic degree program can be found below.

### NAMED OPTION-SPECIFIC POLICIES

#### PRIOR COURSEWORK

##### Graduate Work from Other Institutions

The program will not accept credits taken outside of UW-Madison to be used toward the degree.

##### UW-Madison Undergraduate

The program will allow up to 3 credits of approved MS Information or computer science coursework taken as an undergraduate to be counted toward the degree. The coursework must be from the approved MS curriculum or approved by an Information School advisor.

##### UW-Madison University Special

With program approval, students are allowed to count no more than 9 credits of coursework numbered 300 or above taken as a UW-Madison University Special student. Coursework earned five or more years prior to admission to a master's degree is not allowed to satisfy requirements.

### PROBATION

Registration is not a guarantee of enrollment under conditions of unsatisfactory progress. Students who fall into unsatisfactory progress will have an academic hold placed on their record; they should discuss clearing the hold with their adviser.

1. Good standing: progressing according to standards.
2. Probation: not progressing according to standards but permitted to enroll; potential loss of scholarships.
3. Unsatisfactory progress: not progressing according to standards; not permitted to enroll, dismissal, leave of absence.

A student may be placed on probation or suspended from the Graduate School for low grades or for failing to resolve incompletes in a timely fashion. In special cases the Graduate School permits students who

do not meet these minimum standards to continue on probation upon recommendation and support of their advisor. See iSchool Student Handbook. (<https://ischool.wisc.edu/current-students/ma-requirements-overview/ma-program-planning-guides/>)

### ADVISOR / COMMITTEE

All continuing students are required to meet with the staff advisor prior to registering for each semester in order to remove registration holds and ensure timely progress towards degree completion. Students may switch advisors at any time by completing a change of advisor form.

### CREDITS PER TERM ALLOWED

15 credits (however, 12 credits are highly encouraged)

### TIME LIMITS

The maximum period for completion of the M.S. (under special circumstances) is seven calendar years. Contact the department for more information.

This program follows the Graduate School's Time Limits policy. (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1221/>)

### GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

These resources may be helpful in addressing your concerns:

- Bias or Hate Reporting (<https://doso.students.wisc.edu/bias-or-hate-reporting/>)
- Graduate Assistantship Policies and Procedures (<https://hr.wisc.edu/policies/gapp/#grievance-procedure>)
- Hostile and Intimidating Behavior Policies and Procedures (<https://hr.wisc.edu/hib/>)
  - Office of the Provost for Faculty and Staff Affairs (<https://facstaff.provost.wisc.edu/>)
- Dean of Students Office (<https://doso.students.wisc.edu/>) (for all students to seek grievance assistance and support)
- Employee Assistance (<http://www.eao.wisc.edu/>) (for personal counseling and workplace consultation around communication and conflict involving graduate assistants and other employees, post-doctoral students, faculty and staff)
- Employee Disability Resource Office (<https://employeeabilities.wisc.edu/>) (for qualified employees or applicants with disabilities to have equal employment opportunities)
- Graduate School (<https://grad.wisc.edu/>) (for informal advice at any level of review and for official appeals of program/departmental or school/college grievance decisions)
- Office of Compliance (<https://compliance.wisc.edu/>) (for class harassment and discrimination, including sexual harassment and sexual violence)
- Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards (<https://conduct.students.wisc.edu/>) (for conflicts involving students)
- Ombuds Office for Faculty and Staff (<http://www.ombuds.wisc.edu/>) (for employed graduate students and post-docs, as well as faculty and staff)
- Title IX (<https://compliance.wisc.edu/titleix/>) (for concerns about discrimination)

Students should contact the department chair or program director with questions about grievances. They may also contact the L&S Academic Divisional Associate Deans, the L&S Associate Dean for Teaching and Learning Administration, or the L&S Director of Human Resources.

## OTHER

n/a

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

Take advantage of the Graduate School's professional development resources (<https://grad.wisc.edu/pd/>) to build skills, thrive academically, and launch your career.

## PEOPLE

Contact Dr Rebekah Willett, Information School PhD Program Chair.  
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