LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES, PH.D.

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

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

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

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Mode of Instruction Definitions

**Accelerated**: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students are able to complete a program with minimal disruptions to careers and other commitments.

**Evening/Weekend**: Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

**Face-to-Face**: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW-Madison Campus.

**Hybrid**: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

**Online**: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirements Detail

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<th>Minimum Credit Requirement</th>
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<th>Minimum Residence Credit Requirement</th>
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<th>Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement</th>
<th>The majority of a Ph.D. student's coursework must be completed in graduate-level coursework; courses with the Graduate Level Coursework attribute are identified and searchable in the university's Course Guide (<a href="http://my.wisc.edu/CourseGuideRedirect/BrowseByTitle(http://my.wisc.edu/CourseGuideRedirect/BrowseByTitle/)">http://my.wisc.edu/CourseGuideRedirect/BrowseByTitle(http://my.wisc.edu/CourseGuideRedirect/BrowseByTitle/)</a>). Courses at the 300–600 level should be taken sparingly and must be approved by the student's advisor.</th>
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Overall Graduate GPA Requirement

3.50 GPA required.

Other Grade Requirements

To remain in good academic standing within the iSchool Ph.D. program, a student must maintain a 3.5 overall GPA, not carry any incomplete grades in courses (other than 999s) for more than 1 semester, and pass all mastery demonstration paper deadlines by appointed deadlines.

Assessments and Examinations

Each student is required to fulfill at least one teaching practicum and at least two different research practica. Students will demonstrate mastery of the required subject areas and research skills through three mastery demonstration papers and a program portfolio. Presentation and successful defense of a program portfolio and statement of intent constitutes the preliminary examination. Successful defense of the program portfolio and statement of intent constitutes formal acceptance into candidacy for the Ph.D. degree.

Language Requirements

No; however, coursework in a foreign language may be required if necessary for completing research activities.

Doctoral Minor/Breadth Requirements

All doctoral students are required to complete a minor.

REQUIRED COURSES

A general research methods course is required of all students. This must be a graduate-level course, and if not taken at the iSchool (L IS 603 Research and Assessment for Information Professionals) the student must present a transcript and, if possible, a syllabus to the course. In addition, students must take Ph.D. research seminar L IS 910 Smr-Research Design & Methodology for Library & Information Studies and are required to take a minimum of two semesters of statistics and one semester of qualitative research. Each student must take at least one course in each of three (out of four) designated areas to develop a breadth of knowledge about the field. For more information see the Information School PhD program website. (https://ischool.wisc.edu/programs/phd-program/)