

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES, SPECIALIST CERTIFICATE

The Specialist Certificate is only available to students who have been admitted to, and are registered for courses in, the iSchool Ph.D. program (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/information/library-information-studies-phd/>). It is an alternative degree for iSchool Ph.D. students who choose not to complete the full requirements for the Ph.D. program. Current Ph.D. students interested in the Specialist Certificate option should discuss it with their major advisor or the Ph.D. program advisor.

ADMISSIONS

It is not possible to apply directly to the Specialist Certificate. The Specialist Certificate is only available to students who have been admitted to, and who are making progress toward, the iSchool Ph.D. program.

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.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

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

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

Minimum 42 credits

Credit

Requirement

Minimum 24 credits

Residence

Credit

Requirement

Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement Half of degree coursework must be completed graduate-level coursework; courses with the Graduate Level Coursework attribute are identified and searchable in the university's Course Guide (<http://my.wisc.edu/CourseGuideRedirect/BrowseByTitle> (<http://my.wisc.edu/CourseGuideRedirect/BrowseByTitle/>)). All coursework must be above 300 level and may not include iSchool undergraduate coursework.

Overall 3.00 GPA required.

Graduate GPA

Requirement

Other Grade n/a

Requirements

Assessments and Examinations The candidate is required to prepare and publicly defend a major project/paper in addition to completing credit hour requirements.

Language Requirements No language requirements unless assigned by program.

REQUIRED COURSES

- For a Ph.D. student to move to the Specialist Certificate, they must have completed 42 credits toward their Ph.D. degree; 24 of those must be graduate credits completed after admission to the Information School Ph.D. program. All coursework must comply with Graduate School minimum requirements.
- Up to half of the credits should be from academic units related to the student's specialization (including but not limited to the iSchool).
- The candidate is required to prepare and publicly defend a major project/paper in addition to completing credit hour requirements.
- Students may count up to 10 credits of graduate coursework from an iSchool M.A. degree.

POLICIES

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

Faculty: Professors Eschenfelder, Downey, Kim (Director), Arnott-Smith; Associate Professors Rubel, Willett; Assistant Professors Royston, Senchyne

For a complete faculty/staff directory see <https://ischool.wisc.edu/>