LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES, SPECIALIST CERTIFICATE

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/policiesandrequiements/text), 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

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**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). All coursework must be above 300 level and may not include iSchool undergraduate coursework.

**Overall Graduate GPA Requirement**

3.00 GPA required.

**Other Grade Requirements**

n/a

**Assessments Requirements**

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

**Examinations 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.