MLIS Degree Requirements (for all those admitted prior to Fall 2015)
Please note: These curricular requirements are part of the Program Transition phase from MLIS to MI. Below is the MLIS curriculum and the course requirements. Students who entered the program prior to Fall 2015 will receive an MLIS degree unless they choose MI. Students who entered in Fall 2015 will receive an MI degree and will follow the MLIS curriculum though they have an option to switch to the MI curriculum.

- Full time students: 36 credits are required. A maximum of 12 credits per semester is recommended.
- Part time students: 36 credits must be completed within a three-year period. A minimum of 6 credits per term is required unless special permission is obtained from the department Chair.

The table below itemizes the general required coursework. You will take at least **9 credits in lead courses** and a **minimum of 15 credits in a combination of lead and central courses** (ex: three leads and two centrals, four leads and one central, or five leads). You are also required to enroll in three zero credit classes.

MLIS Course requirements (For students who entered Program before Fall 2015)		
Course #	**Credits**	**Course title**
501	0	Introduction to Library and Information
502	0	Colloquium of Library & Information Studies
503	0	e-Portfolio Capstone (taken in the last semester of coursework; not available in summer)
Lead Course Requirements (Minimum: 3 courses): *Lead courses offer an overview of the general principles of the field*		
510	3	Human information Behavior
520	3	Organizing Information
530	3	Principles of Searching
550	3	Information Technologies for Libraries and Information Agencies
570	3	Management of Libraries and Information Centers *(School Library Students should NOT take this course -- follow specialization requirements)*
580	3	Knowledge Structures and the Information Professions
Central Courses (Minimum 2 courses, can be combined with lead) *Central courses offer basic understanding and competencies in important components of the field*		
511	3	Research Methods
518	3	Designing User Centered Services

522	3	Cataloging & Classification
540	3	Reference Sources and Services
551	3	Information Retrieval
552	3	Understanding Library systems and software
553	3	Digital Libraries
571	3	Leadership in theory and practice
574	3	Knowledge Management
581	3	Social Informatics
582	3	Information Policy

LIS SPECIALIZATIONS: Below is a list of specializations within LIS. It is not required that you specialize in any particular area as you can construct your own path of study after you fulfill the above listed requirements. Below are four areas identified by the LIS department that currently have formal curricular requirements.

Note: School Library students: Be sure to check with the program coordinator regularly as you embark on your study plan. There is no room for error in this specialization.

School Libraries 33 Credits	Knowledge Management *18 Credits*	Digital Libraries *18 Credits*	Social media *15 Credits*
Required Courses (33 cr): 510 Human Information Behavior 514 Learning Theory, Media and Curriculum 522 Cataloging and Classification 530 Principles of Searching 540 Reference Sources and Services 547 Materials for Children 548 Materials for Young Adults 550 Information Technology for Libraries and Information Agencies 555 Multimedia Production 575 Management of School Library Programs 592 Field Experience ***Elective (3 cr):*** One elective with the approval of adviser	***Required courses (9 cr):*** 535 Competitive Intelligence 557 Database Design and Management 574 Knowledge Management in Organizations ***Electives (9 cr):*** 511 Research Methods 534 Records Management 520 Organizing Information 570 Management of Libraries and Information Centers 554 Information Visualization *Other:* Special topics, independent studies, field experience and WISE courses can be counted as electives if appropriate and as approved by the Knowledge Management Coordinator	***Required courses (6 cr):*** 550 Information Technology 553 Digital Libraries ***Electives (12 cr):*** 512 Interface Design 524 Metadata 551 Information Retrieval 552 Understanding Library Systems and Software Applications 554 Information Visualization and Presentation 555 Multimedia Production 557 Database Design and Management 558 Digital Library Technology 574 Knowledge Management in Organizations 581 Social Informatics 587 Understanding, Designing and Building Social Media 588 Social Media Research Seminar *Special topics courses:* Digital Stewardship; Digital Preservation; Language and Information. Others subject to approval by the faculty coordinator.	***Required Courses (12 cr):*** 512 Interface Design 581 Social Informatics 587 Understanding, Designing, and Building Social Media 588 Social Media Research Seminar ***Elective (3 cr):*** 524 Metadata for Information Professionals 551 Information Retrieval 554 Information Visualization and Presentation 555 Multimedia Production *Other:* Special topics courses:WISE courses can also qualify as the elective course, subject to approval by the Social Media Coordinator.