



Master of Library & Information Studies (MLIS)

(One Year Full-Time or Two Years Part-Time)

Introduction

The Master of Library and Information Studies prepares graduates for work in a range of professional settings, including academic, public, and special libraries, as well as information-based roles in commercial, civic, health, and legal organisations. Our programmes instil professional ethics and social responsibility, foster lifelong continuing professional education, and provide opportunities for active engagement with diverse communities.

The MLIS is an in person programme, structured to develop core professional competencies, as well as specialised knowledge and skills for librarians and information professionals. While the programme offers a generalist approach to suit multiple interests and aspirations, it is also possible to tailor learning to more specialised areas for particular career paths.

Programme Highlight

The only university in the Republic of Ireland that offers a professional qualification in Library and Information Studies.

The MLIS degree is accredited by the Library Association of Ireland, which is the professional body representing libraries and librarianship in Ireland. Programme accreditation, which is carried out at regular intervals, ensures that our MLIS always meets the highest standards for professional LIS education.

Programme Content and Structure

90 credits
Taught Masters

60 credits
Taught Modules

30 credits
Capstone Project or Thesis

Depending on your interests and aspirations, you may wish to choose a pathway that would best suit your career plans.

Academic Librarianship

Academic librarians support members of academic community for research, teaching, and learning. There are different roles in academic librarianship - from resource discovery/metadata, digitisation, teaching information literacy skills, data management and scholarly communication, to community outreach and liaison.

- IS40480 Information Professional as Teacher
- IS40560 Digital Libraries
- IS40760 Research Data Management
- IS40900 Scholarly Communication

Public Librarianship

Today's fast-moving society requires public librarians to be equipped with diverse skills, including community programming, storytelling, technology assistance, and digital literacy, to support many different stakeholders.

- IS30020 Web Publishing
- IS40030 People, Information and Communication
- IS40570 Children and Youth Information Services
- IS41020 Information Ethics

Cultural Institutions / Special Collections

With the increasing number of digitised and born-digital materials, information professionals working in cultural institutions and managing special collections need to acquire practical skills in the areas of digital curation and cognate fields.

- IS40560 Digital Libraries
- IS40630 Digital Curation: Core Concepts
- ARCV40040 Archives and Their Users
- ARCV40070 Managing Records & Information
- ARCV41480 Archives Preservation

Why study at UCD?



Graduate Education

12,000 graduate students; 17% graduate research students; structured PhDs



Graduate Employability

Ranked no. 1 in Ireland in QS Graduate Employability ranking



Global Careers

Dedicated careers support; 2 year stayback visa to work in Ireland



Global Community

8,500 international students and 300,000 alumni network across 165 countries



Global Profile

UCD is ranked in the top 1% of higher education institutions worldwide



Welcoming Campus

Modern parkland campus with 24 hr security. Wide range of facilities, clubs, societies and supports



Career Opportunities

The MLIS and GradDip programmes are designed to prepare university graduates for professional careers in Library and Information Studies. The MLIS degree is highly regarded internationally; the school's accreditation by the Library Association of Ireland is recognised by library associations elsewhere, covering Australia, Canada, and the United States. Recent graduates have dynamic careers as Digital Learning Librarians, Literacy Specialists, Chief Information Officers, and Library Directors.

About the School

The UCD School of Information and Communication Studies (ICS) is the only Irish member of the prestigious iSchools consortium, an international, university-level organisation devoted to understanding the role of information in society. In 2022, the school was ranked number 24 in the QS World University Rankings for Library and Information Management, placing it among the premier institutions worldwide for the study of this discipline.

Graduate Profiles



Laura Ryan,
MLIS Part-Time

The MLIS at UCD gave me the opportunity to build on my experience with theory and practice. It allowed me to explore different areas of librarianship to help decide what kind of librarian I wanted to be. Most importantly, it connected me to peers and colleagues from whom I have learned so much!



Niamh Murphy,
MLIS Full-Time

Truly, my experience on the Master of Library and Information Studies programme was life changing. With all that I learned, I was able to secure a position with a notable cultural heritage institution in Ireland. I am now in a job that I love, and I couldn't be happier. I'm so grateful for all of the knowledge and the opportunities that this programme provided. To anyone considering it, I wholeheartedly recommend this programme of study.

Applicant Profile

- Applicants should hold a primary (Bachelor's) degree in any subject with an overall score of 2.1 (min 3.08 GPA) or higher.
- We recommend a minimum of 6 weeks' experience working in a library or information environment.
- Names and contact details of 2 referees who can assess their academic potential, ability, maturity, and motivation.
- Applicants whose first language is not English must also demonstrate English language proficiency of IELTS 6.5 (no band less than 6.0 in each element), or equivalent.

Fees and Scholarships

Tuition fee information is available on www.ucd.ie/fees. Please note that UCD offers a number of graduate scholarships for full-time, self-funding international students, holding an offer of a place on a UCD masters programme. Please see www.ucd.ie/global/scholarships/ for further information.

Graduate Diploma in Library & Information Studies (Level 9, 60 credits)

Applicants can also choose our 60-credit Graduate Diploma in Library and Information Studies (one year full-time and two years part-time). The Graduate Diploma is also accredited by the Library Association of Ireland and prepares graduates for professional library and information careers. Students complete 60 credits of taught modules, including 35 credits of core modules and 25 credits of specialised option modules.

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