

# Master of Library and Information Science

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## Selected MLIS Program Goals

- Prepare library and information practitioners to be successful in entry-level professional positions in academic, public, and special libraries.
- Use data gathered and analyzed through the assessment system to make program-related decisions.

## Program Objectives (Expressed as Student Learning Outcomes)

Graduating students of the VSU MLIS program will demonstrate the ability to:

1. perform administrative, service, and technical functions of professional practice in libraries and information centers by demonstrating skills in
  - information resources
  - reference and user services
  - administration and management
  - organization of recorded knowledge and information.
2. use existing and emerging technologies to meet needs in libraries and information centers.
3. integrate relevant research to enhance their work in libraries and information centers.
4. demonstrate professionalism as librarians or information specialists.

## Examples of Outcome Assessments

1. the Applied Library Experience Notebook, a collection of fieldwork and simulations of fieldwork conducted across four core courses in the MLIS program
2. a collection development project
3. a reference transaction assessment
4. a social cataloging technology project
5. a research proposal
6. a career ePortfolio organized in a digital format
7. an analysis of an LIS-related code of ethics

## Admission to the MLIS Program

Prior to admission to any graduate program at Valdosta State University, applicants must first submit a completed application to the Graduate School. A completed application includes evidence of completion of a bachelor's degree and official transcripts from all institutions previously attended, completion of application form, application fee, and any additional program requirements; all required materials and fees must be submitted by the admission deadline. It is the responsibility of the applicant to allow adequate time for document submission and to ensure receipt of documents. Full information about applying to the MLIS program can be found on the VSU Graduate School website.

## Admission Deadlines

Fall Deadline: March 15

Spring Deadline: September 30

Go to the Graduate School website (<http://www.valdosta.edu/academics/graduate-school/welcome.php>) and click on Our Programs, then click on MLIS Program for complete information on:

- Specific MLIS Program Admission Requirements
- MLIS Program Retention, Dismissal, and Readmission Policies
- MLIS Program Graduation Requirements

To Apply Online, click here (<https://www.valdosta.edu/academics/graduate-school/apply-now-grad.php>).

## Requirements for the MLIS Degree

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core (Required) Courses</b>		<b>15</b>
MLIS 7000	Foundations of Library and Information Science	3
MLIS 7100	Information Sources and Services	3
MLIS 7200	Management of Libraries and Information Centers	3
MLIS 7300	Organization of Information	3

MLIS 7800	Capstone	3
<b>Electives</b>		<b>21</b>
<b>Total Hours Required for the Degree</b>		<b>36</b>

The grade of "B" or higher is required for MLIS 7000. A student earning a grade below "B" must repeat MLIS 7000 at the first opportunity. A grade below "B" in MLIS 7000 does not fulfill the MLIS 7000 prerequisite requirement for other courses.