

# College of Information Department of Information Science

## Master of Science in Library Science Master of Science in Information Science

**Innovation *through* Information**



“ The University of North Texas Master’s program was a terrific experience for many reasons, but for me the mentorship and advisement I received inspired my journey. The faculty’s passion for what is possible and their understanding of why libraries matter embodies the UNT library school experience. This program opened doors for me and enabled a professional journey that is in step with what I care about in my career. What more would anyone want when it comes to work? ”

TAMMY WESTERGARD (MSLS '14)  
Assistant Administrator, Nevada State Library  
Library Journal “Mover and Shaker” 2016



# An innovative program created with *you* in mind

The ALA–accredited Master of Science program with majors in **Information Science (MS-IS)** or **Library Science (MS-LS)** provides the theoretical and real-world application to successfully launch you into the information profession. The degree prepares students for work in a variety of roles and information settings, including various information agencies and all types of libraries. The program prepares at a master's level, individuals who wish to pursue study in the theoretical development of information science.

## PROGRAM DELIVERY

The Master's program is offered completely online, in a residential format in Denton, TX, or an off-campus format in Houston, TX.

The program in Denton offers students the flexibility to select a combination of face-to-face, online, and blended courses.

The Online and Distance learning program is also offered in the form of cohorts located in some states. This cohort-based approach provides an opportunity for students and faculty to build a vibrant learning community. For more information about our cohorts and program visit: <http://informationscience.unt.edu/cohorts-and-program>

### Health Informatics

Program ranked **#7** in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*

### School Library

Program ranked **#10** in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*

## WHY OUR PROGRAM

- ◆ **Accredited** by the American Library Association
- ◆ **Nationally ranked** by *U.S. News & World Report*
- ◆ Member of the *iSchools* organization
- ◆ **Diverse** course offerings with flexibility to choose from several career paths
- ◆ **Flexible** coursework schedule
- ◆ Reputable faculty with expertise in various areas
- ◆ Cohorts located nationwide help to form a diverse and wide-reaching alumni connection
- ◆ UNT Libraries boast quality collections, leading edge digital technology, and innovative programs



“UNT’s program gave me practical skills needed to take on new responsibilities and challenges at work. With professors that encouraged me to take risks and to make projects my own, each class provided an opportunity to put theory into practice in a way that benefitted my work. Additionally, the local cohort structure turned the online experience into a communal effort that established both professional and personal connections. I now have the knowledge to tackle new opportunities that await me in the competitive field of information science.”

MARLON HERNANDEZ (MSIS '15)  
Information Science Technician  
Jet Propulsion Laboratory

# Create a learning experience that is *your own*

The diverse world of the information profession creates unique and distinct career opportunities that you can pursue. With faculty that keep informed of changes within the information field, we are constantly creating and reinventing areas of study to prepare you for the profession and information setting you choose. Students are able to choose from the following concentrations within the Library Science or Information Science majors:

## LIBRARY SCIENCE

### Law Librarianship and Legal Informatics

Prepares students for careers in law libraries, information publishers, and information organizations using legal information resources. Enables law librarians to play key roles in the management of legal information in diverse settings.

### Music Librarianship

Prepares students for a career as a music librarian or information professional in a music-related or performing arts environment. Students will be equipped to assume positions in organizations such as academic and public libraries, radio and TV stations, music publishers, orchestras, opera companies, music archives & conservatories.

### Youth Librarianship

Prepares students for a career in various library settings including metropolitan, suburban, rural, public and academic libraries, where they can provide library services to people who teach and work with youth and youth-related information services.

**The following Concentrations apply to both majors:**

### Archival Studies and Imaging Technology

Provides students with the skills needed for production, archival and preservation of records, appraisal and acquisitions. Prepares students to work with imaging for archives, museums and libraries.

### Information Organization

Equips students with the necessary skills to organize information for a wide variety of information formats, resources, systems and environments. Graduates may be responsible for library cataloging, classification, metadata development and use.

### General Program of Study

Prepares students to succeed in a wide range of positions in both private and public organizations. Also provides leadership and demonstrates theoretical knowledge of library and information science and their applications in different fields.

## INFORMATION SCIENCE

### Health Informatics

Prepares students to work with health and medical applications, electronic medical records, clinical research data, health education, e-science, and legal and ethical issues concerning health information.

### Information Systems

Provides students with the basic skills and competencies that will enable them to support an organization to gain strategic and tactical competitive advantage. Also prepares students for positions that require technical knowledge and skills.

## CAREER PATHS

- ◆ Data Analyst
- ◆ Digital Librarian
- ◆ School Librarian
- ◆ Knowledge Manager
- ◆ Archivist or Records Manager
- ◆ Health Information Specialist
- ◆ Chief Information Officer
- ◆ Special Librarian ( Law, Medical, Art, Music, etc.)
- ◆ Web Content Strategist
- ◆ Research Analyst
- ◆ Media Specialist
- ◆ Database Developer
- ◆ Information and Data Scientist
- ◆ Rare Books Curator
- ◆ Taxonomist
- ◆ Youth Librarian
- ◆ Imaging Specialist

Learn more about Concentrations by visiting <https://informationscience.unt.edu/concentrations>

# Every journey begins with a step

## Admission Requirements

- An undergraduate degree or higher from an accredited institution.
- A 3.0 cumulative undergraduate GPA, a 3.0 on the last 60 hours of undergraduate coursework, or a 3.5 GPA on a completed Master's degree.

## How to Apply

The application process consists of two steps:

1. Apply to the UNT Toulouse Graduate School
  - a. Complete the online application at [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org) and pay the application fee.
  - b. Submit transcripts from all colleges attended.

\* International applicants may have additional requirements and must demonstrate English Language Proficiency. For more, visit <https://tgs.unt.edu/international>
2. Apply to the IS Department and submit the following:
  - a. An online program application
  - b. Statement of purpose
  - c. Two letters of recommendation
  - d. A current resume

For more information regarding the admission process, visit <http://informationscience.unt.edu/admission-process>

## Financial Assistance

Both the university and the IS Department offer multiple financial options to help you pursue your graduate degree, including scholarships, loans, graduate assistantships, internships or co-ops, and part-time employment. More information about these opportunities is available at <http://informationscience.unt.edu/financial-assistance>



## Degree Requirements

- 36 credit hours (12 courses).
- Field experience in a professional position, or a minimum of 120 hours of practicum experience in an information-centered environment.
- A capstone experience.

## About UNT

The University of North Texas, established in 1890, is one of the largest student-focused public Tier One research universities, dedicated to providing superior graduate education, scholarship and artistic endeavors. As a catalyst for creativity, UNT fuels progress, innovation and entrepreneurship. Our programs are internationally recognized with research and scholarship spanning all disciplines. We offer 106 bachelor's, 88 master's and 36 doctoral degrees. UNT is located in Denton, a city about 30 miles north of Dallas and Fort Worth, with a population of approximately 136,000.

For more information, visit [www.unt.edu](http://www.unt.edu)



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