

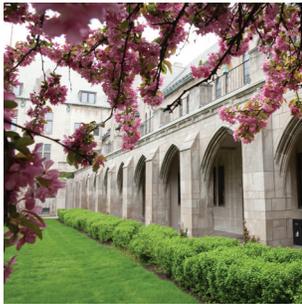


PhD in Library and Information Science



Get the degree you need for the career you want. Dominican University’s PhD in Library and Information Science (LIS) prepares you for research, faculty and leadership positions in this growing field.

Our highly regarded program is designed for the working professional. Unlike traditional residential PhD programs, our cohort-based program can be completed in just three years. It combines the rigor of a top-level research degree with the collaborative and personal approach that is the hallmark of a Dominican education, providing you a strong yet flexible pathway that helps expand your vision as well as advance your career.



If you already have at least a master’s degree (not necessarily in library and information science), Dominican’s PhD in LIS will open up many career possibilities: faculty positions at the post-secondary level, the highest leadership positions in libraries or other types of information settings, and in-depth research positions—or positions that combine two or even all three roles.

Distinctions of Dominican’s PhD in LIS Program

- Convenience: Classes meet weekends only on our River Forest campus (some classes are offered in a hybrid—online and face-to-face—format), so you won’t need to quit your job or delay your career to further your education.
- Cohort model: The cohort model encourages intellectual engagement and professional development in a collaborative environment. New cohorts are launched every two years.
- Distinguished faculty: You’ll work closely with faculty members who have years of professional and scholarly experience.
- Personal attention: A team of advisors, faculty members, peers and professors of the practice will counsel you on meeting your goals, whether you come to the program with specific research interests, or career or educational goals.

- “An Examination of Fictional Libraries and Librarians Using Greimas’ Actantial Model”
- “An Exploration of Quality and Gender Representation in Children’s Informational Books on Human Origins from 1922 to the Present”
- “RDA and the Music Student: A Domain Analytic Approach to Catalog Needs”
- “We’re Listening: Deafness and the Public Library—A Phenomenological Approach to Understanding the Public Library Experience of Children Who Are Deaf”

Many Career Options

Recent Dominican doctoral graduates are working in a variety of roles and settings:

- Interim Library Director, Marygrove College, Detroit, Michigan
- Director, Roosevelt University’s Schaumburg Campus Library
- Technical Services Librarian, Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Michigan
- Associate University Librarian for Scholarly Communication, the University of Texas at Arlington
- Assistant Professor, St. Catherine University, St. Paul, Minnesota

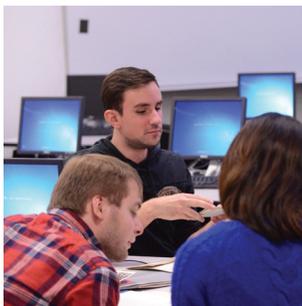
Wide-Ranging Research

The possibilities are limitless, and you and your team will find the focus that’s right for you. Recent successful dissertations include:

- “Building Community in the Academic Library: Exploring the Commuter Student Experience”

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Curriculum

Each cohort will complete the following courses (all courses are 3 credit hours):
Note: The timeline below is a sample.

First Year

18 credits. Two courses each semester (fall, spring, and summer).

- Advanced Seminar: Professional Issues
- Advanced Research Methods
- Advanced Seminar: Information Policy
- Advanced Seminar: Literacy and Learning
- Writing in the Academy
- Dissertation Preparation

Second Year

18 credits. Two courses each semester (fall, spring, and summer).

- Teaching in the Academy
- Advanced Seminar: Information Behavior
- Advanced Seminar: Information Systems Research—Theory and Practice
- Advanced Seminar: Global Perspectives on the Library and Information Science Profession
- Advanced Seminar: Library Leadership
- Advanced Independent Study in Library and Information Science

Third Year

Upon completion of coursework, passing a qualifying field examination and approval of a dissertation proposal, PhD students proceed to dissertation work.

Degree Requirements

Successful completion of the doctoral program includes:

- Completion of a minimum of 36 semester hours of doctoral coursework in the Dominican University GSLIS program;
- Successful completion of a qualifying field examination;
- Completion of at least six credit hours of LIS 999 (dissertation hours);
- Satisfactory completion of a dissertation;
- A minimum grade point average of a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;
- Continuous enrollment in the degree program;
- Completion of the degree program within three years* and;
- Filing an Application for Graduation by the filing deadline with the Office of the Registrar the semester before the anticipated graduation date.

**The program is a three-year program requiring continuous enrollment in fall, spring and summer semesters for two years of coursework, with a dissertation work in the third year. If a student needs to extend beyond the three years, he/she may repeat the dissertation course for a period not to exceed an additional two years.*

Accelerated MLIS/PhD

The accelerated degree option is particularly attractive if you are a practicing information science professional with an undergraduate degree but not a master's degree, and you are interested in pursuing doctoral-level coursework and research.

The accelerated degree option can be completed in four years. The first year consists of MLIS coursework, and then you join the cohort-based PhD program to complete the doctoral degree.

For admission requirements or to apply, please visit gslis.dom.edu/phd.

