Demand is increasing for people with skills to handle information in many settings. Our MLIS program prepares you for a job you will love in a career where you can make a difference.

Whether you are a career changer or a recent college graduate, Dominican University’s American Library Association–accredited program will provide the foundation for a career in a field filled with professionals who embrace change and are passionate about making an impact on the world around us.

Libraries of all types are more important now than ever, from school and public, to corporate, special and academic settings. The information environment is growing ever more complex, and qualified librarians are needed to help people not only access the information they want, but also learn how to access it themselves—and evaluate and use it to meet their goals.

Libraries today are vibrant community hubs with activities and multimedia resources for all ages. There has never been a better time to become a librarian!

Our location near Chicago means you will be studying in an information-setting-rich environment, with lots of opportunities for internships, practicums and employment.

**Multiple Ways to Reach Your Goal**

Our program is designed for busy professionals—choose the format that best meets your needs:

- Attend evening classes
- Take courses online or in a hybrid format
- Onsite courses are offered at our campus in River Forest (with a few at the Harold Washington Library, downtown Chicago)
- Complete the program in as little as one year, or take up to six years

**Experienced Faculty—Your Mentors, Your Network**

Our professors have a broad range of experience, and our small class sizes allow them to get to know you—and become the foundation of your professional network. Areas of faculty expertise:

- Digital libraries and digital curation
- Information policy
- Media and services for youth
- Archives and cultural heritage
- Informatics
- Cataloging and classification
- School library media
- Management
- Leadership and advocacy

**Many Career Options**

You will find Dominican MLIS graduates working in an array of settings:

- **Library Settings:** Chicago Public Library, Skokie Public Library, University of Minnesota Library, State Law Library of Montana, Northwestern University, Western Michigan University, Oswego East High School and many more
- **Nonlibrary Settings:** Argonne National Laboratory; McDonald’s Digital Asset Department; WFMT’s Studs Terkel Radio Archive; BMO Harris Bank; BP; law firms such as Sidley Austin; consulting firms such as Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates; cultural institutions such as Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Chicago History Museum, and the Polish Museum of America
Plans of Study

Curriculum
Our 36 credit-hour curriculum is focused on student success and is designed to prepare you for professional responsibilities in a broad spectrum of settings.

Core Courses
Six courses are required for all students. These cover the fundamentals that are common to all types of work in the library and information field. Completion of the first three required core courses is highly recommended during the first nine hours of enrollment:

- LIS 701 - Core Values, Ethics, and Issues in the Library and Information Professions
- LIS 702 - Facilitating User Learning and Information Needs
- LIS 703 - Organization of Knowledge
- LIS 707 - Leadership, Marketing, and Strategic Communication
- LIS 708 - Evidence-Based Planning, Management, and Decision-Making
- LIS 709 – Foundations of Technology
- LIS 752 – System Analysis and Design
- LIS 768 – Social Media and Emerging Technologies
- LIS 786 – Advanced Web Design
- LIS 882 – Metadata for Digital Resources
- LIS – Big Data and Competitive Intelligence

Technologies for the Library and Information Professions
Complete one of the following six courses:

- LIS 709 – Foundations of Technology
- LIS 752 – System Analysis and Design
- LIS 768 – Social Media and Emerging Technologies
- LIS 786 – Advanced Web Design
- LIS 882 – Metadata for Digital Resources
- LIS – Big Data and Competitive Intelligence

Electives
The remaining six courses may be chosen from among more than 60 options; faculty advisors can help students choose an individualized course of study to suit any interest in library and information science.

Enrolled students may register for up to six semester hours of graduate credit in other disciplines at Dominican University, which may be applied as electives toward the MLIS degree. Such courses require approval from the School of Information Studies director upon recommendation by the student’s advisor. All required courses for the MLIS degree must be completed prior to registration for courses in other disciplines.

Certificates
Within the set of electives, students have the option to earn a certificate toward a focused area of specialization. Certificates add an extra credential to your transcript to demonstrate to a prospective employer that you have expertise in a particular area. Certificates may also be earned on top of an existing MLIS from an ALA-accredited program. Choose from:

- Archives and Cultural Heritage Resources and Services
- Data and Knowledge Management
- Digital Curation
- Digital Libraries
- Informatics
- Certificate of Special Study (individually designed with an academic advisor)
- School Library Media Endorsement and Licensure
- Web Design
- Youth Services

Dual Degrees
Students also have the option of combining the MLIS with a second, separate master’s degree from a partnering Dominican program or external partnering institution. Students must apply and be accepted to the programs separately.

- MLIS & Master of Science in Information Management (within Dominican’s School of Information Studies)
- MLIS & MA In Public History (with Loyola University Chicago)
- MLIS & MBA (with Dominican’s Brennan School of Business)
- MLIS & Master of Divinity (with McCormick Theological Seminary)
- MLIS & Master of Social Work (with Dominican’s School of Social Work)