



DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY
Where Learning Demands More

School Library Media Program

Core Courses

The following 11 core courses cover the competencies required by the Illinois Professional Teaching Standards for the Library Information Specialist. We recommend that you complete the first three core courses during the first nine hours of your enrollment.

- Core Values, Ethics, and Issues in the Library and Information Professions
- Facilitating User Learning and Information Needs
- Organization of Knowledge
- Leadership, Marketing, and Strategic Communication
- Evidence-Based Planning, Management, and Decision-Making Intelligence
- Library Materials for Children
- Library Materials for Young Adults
- Integrating Technology into Programming, Services and Instruction
- Curriculum and School Libraries
- School Libraries

In addition, you will complete your choice of one of the following courses in Technologies for the Library and Information Professions:

- Foundations of Technology
- System Analysis and Design
- Social Media and Emerging Technologies
- Advanced Web Design
- Metadata for Digital Resources
- Big Data and Competitive Intelligence

This powerful program prepares you for outstanding service at the elementary, middle and high school levels. You'll foster literacy, promote the capacity and desire for learning, and make a meaningful difference in the lives of students and their communities.

Prepare for service to children and youth

The program develops highly qualified school librarians who advance the cause of their schools and communities in lasting ways. In a comprehensive curriculum, you'll study the principles of librarianship with a special focus on service to children and youth. You'll examine the core concepts of teaching, learning, information access and delivery. You'll learn to integrate library services and school curricula; and master the subtleties of information literacy, instructional technology, and program administration, assessment and advocacy. The program places special emphasis on the philosophies of elementary, middle and secondary schools, and on the developmental psychology of students at those grade levels.

The Dominican difference: values, standards, opportunities

Our faculty come from across the country and around the world. The program is designed and taught by nationally recognized leaders in the field. The faculty includes veteran teachers from school districts that support state-of-the-art instructional technology. Hands-on experience is built into the curriculum. You'll have a chance to put your learning to work immediately at a school drawn from our vast network of clinical practice settings. The Butler Children's Literature Center offers special opportunities to learn first-hand about books for children and young adults. All this is offered within the supportive context of a values-based, relationship-centered learning community.



"We have an 80-year tradition of producing leaders who understand that access to information is essential to success and a basic human right. At the iSchool, you'll gain not only knowledge and skills but also a deep understanding of the ethics of the profession."

Kate Marek

Director, School of Information Studies

Endorsement Only

Students interested only in adding the endorsement to an existing PEL can do so by completing 24 semester hours and passing the content-area test for Library Information Specialist.

Degree Requirements

To earn the MLIS degree at Dominican—plus the Illinois Professional Educator License with a Special (PK-12) Endorsement in Library Information Specialist—you will:

- Fulfill the requirements for the MLIS degree
- Apply for admittance to the School Library Media Program (this requires successful completion of the Illinois Test of Academic Proficiency or its equivalent)
- Complete 12 required courses
- Pass the required Illinois licensure test
- Develop a program portfolio
- Complete the program's clinical practice component
- Meet the professional education requirements of the State of Illinois
- Participate in an exit interview with the program director

Students educated outside the United States must have official credential evaluations completed by an approved agency. For full details on degree requirements, go to dom.edu.

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Our goal: your success

Get ready for top-level professional achievement

The Student Library Media Program is one of the iSchool's most popular and powerful career pathways. The program qualifies you for an Illinois Professional Educator License with a Library Information Specialist Endorsement PK-12. You'll find our graduates working in leadership positions across the nation, in schools, districts, state agencies and many other professional settings. One of the program's great advantages is the access it provides to the substantial network of Dominican alumni across the profession—a reflection of the university's eighty-nine-year commitment to advancing the professional preparation of librarians in schools.

The iSchool at Dominican: a legacy of excellence

Since 1930, Dominican University has produced generations of leaders in the ever-evolving field of information studies. You'll find iSchool graduates contributing to the success of schools, libraries, universities, research institutes, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, corporations and cultural institutions across the United States. These skilled professionals have earned their way into leadership positions in one of a free society's most important fields.



“Every faculty member is available to answer any question you have, about the subject matter or the profession. If they don't know the answer, they will refer you to someone who does.”

Bridgette Thoma

Graduate, School of Information Studies