M.A./M.S.I.S. Dual Degree Programs
Department of Information Science

Two degree programs combining the M.S.I.S. and the M.A. in either English or History are offered by the Department. By applying six (6) credits in Information Science to the English or History degree program and seven (7) credits from English or History to the Information Science program, a student can reduce the total number of credits needed for both degrees to a minimum of 59. However, faculty responsible for concentrations in both programs may require the student to complete additional course work.

Students may be admitted to a dual master’s degree program at the beginning of their graduate studies, but no later than after completing 20 graduate credits applicable to a dual master’s degree program. Work done for an awarded master’s or doctoral degree may not be used for this program. Students may leave a dual program before completion of both degrees. If the requirements for one degree have been fulfilled, that degree may be awarded. You must be admitted to graduate study in both the M.A. and M.S.I.S. degree programs for the dual degree program.

M.A./M.S.I.S. in History Degree Requirements

History (30 credit minimum)

History Courses:
(21 credits minimum) Courses as advised, including at least one research seminar in the appropriate major field and one reading seminar. With departmental approval, a thesis in history for 4-6 credits may be presented in place of or in addition to the research seminar but it will not substitute for the MA comprehensive exam for those students admitted to the MA program for Fall 2011 or after.

Supporting Courses:
(6-9 credits) Six credits of approved Information Science coursework must be included.

Major Field Exam:
Satisfactory completion of a major field examination from Group A (United States History; Modern European History; Third World History Latin America, Asia, Middle East, Africa) or one concentration chosen from Group B (Local and Regional History, International History, Social and/or Economic History, Public Policy, Gender and Society, and Culture and Society). With departmental approval, a student may prepare for examination in a field of concentration not listed under Groups A or B.

Foreign Language Requirement:
Foreign language competency may be required for students who choose to write theses concentrating on areas other than the United States. The competency requirement can be satisfied by examination or by completion of an approved graduate-level language course. Please consult the History Department for details.
Note: Students in the dual degree program who choose to do the M.A. in History with a concentration in Public History must complete a total of six internship credits to satisfy the requirements of the two degrees. Because of the additional six-credit internship requirement, students with a concentration in Public History are required to complete a minimum of 65 credits for both degrees. Consultation with advisors in both programs is necessary for determining how to satisfy the internship requirements.

M.A./M.S.I.S. in English Degree Requirements

English (32 credits minimum)

English Courses:
(24 credits minimum) Courses as advised, including: ENG 500 Textual Practices I (4);
One course numbered 600 or above (4), in addition to ENG 698 or ENG 699 (see below);
One seminar (4 credits, and it cannot be used to satisfy the requirement for a course at the 600 or above level);
ENG 698 Master’s Research Tutorial and Examination or ENG 699 Master’s Thesis (4)

Supporting Courses:
(8 credits) Six credits of approved Information Science course work must be part of the supporting courses sequence.

Information Science (42 credit minimum)

Required for either History or English dual degree

Required Courses:
IST 601 The Information Environment (3)
IST 602 Information and Knowledge Organization (3)
IST 608 Research Methods (3)
IST 614 Administration of Information Agencies (3)
IST 668 Internship (3)
2 technology courses (6)

Concentration Courses:
(6-12 credits) Archives and Records Administration: IST 546, 547, 656 AND 660 or 654
Information Management and Policy: IST 560, 636
Information Systems and Technology: IST 533, 611, 636
Library and Information Services: IST 603, 605

Supporting Courses:
(9-15 credits) Seven credits of approved course work in History or English must be part of the supporting courses sequence.