

# **Department of Information Studies College of Computing and Information**

## **B.A./M.S.I.S. COMBINED DEGREE PROGRAMS**

The combined B.A./M.S.I.S. or B.S./M.S.I.S. program in information studies provides a unique opportunity for capable, highly motivated students to pursue any undergraduate liberal arts major while at the same time beginning their professional preparation for a career in information science. The emphasis of the program is on the planning, provision and administration of information systems and services. M.S.I.S. concentrations include Archives and Records Administration, Information Management and Policy, Information Systems and Technology, Library and Information Services, and Library and Information Services/School Media (leads to NYS certification for School Library Media Specialist).

Students may be admitted to the combined program at the beginning of their junior year or after successful completion of 56 credits, but no later than the accumulation of 100 credits. A carefully designed program can enable the student to earn the B.A./B.S. and M.S.I.S. within 10 semesters. A cumulative grade point average of 3.20 or higher and three supportive letters of recommendation are required. The Graduate Record Exam is not required for admission.

### **B.A./M.S.I.S. Degree Requirements**

In qualifying for the baccalaureate, students will meet all University and department requirements, including existing major and minor requirements, general education requirements, minimum liberal arts and sciences requirements, and residency requirements. Students in the combined program complete a minor in information science and policy including the courses listed below. Students who are Information Studies majors will combine undergraduate and graduate courses to fulfill major requirements, and will choose a different area for their minor.

CSI 101 or CSI 201 or MSI 215

IIST 523

IIST 601

IIST 602

Two additional IIST courses at 500 level or above

A minimum of 150 credits is required to fulfill both undergraduate and graduate degree requirements (up to 12 graduate credits may be used to fulfill requirements at both levels). A minimum of 120 credits is needed for the B.A. or B.S. After the semester in which they complete 120 credits, students are considered graduate students for the purposes of tuition and eligibility for graduate assistantships, fellowships, and loans. Students apply for the undergraduate degree when all B.A. or B.S. requirements are met, and then continue with full graduate status.