

Department of Information Studies College of Computing and Information

Certificate of Advanced Study (C.A.S.)

The profession of information and library management is experiencing rapid growth in its body of knowledge, and also in the technology used in libraries and other information agencies. Librarians and other information professionals who hold the Master of Library Science or equivalent degrees almost universally feel the need for educational upgrading, for the acquisition of further knowledge and additional skills or technical capabilities.

Many individuals who seek such education prefer to study in an organized program leading to a post-master's credential. Such a credential can be helpful in connection with changes in position and with promotion decisions.

The Certificate of Advanced Study represents the completion of an integrated and rigorous program of study. The special requirements listed on the back of this sheet are designed to insure the quality of the program.

The program leading to the Certificate of Advanced Study includes a minimum of 30 semester credits of graduate study beyond the master's degree. All credits applied toward the C.A.S. must be completed within a period of five years. Up to six of the 30 required credits may be transferred from work taken at another institution. The five-year time limit applies to these credits also. Within the requirements of the specialty selected and through individualized advisement, a program will be designed for the student utilizing a substantial number of courses within the Department, supplemented by courses from other relevant departments and schools of the University.

You are eligible if . . .

- X you have a master's degree in library science, information science, or a closely related field, with demonstrated academic excellence
- X you have had two years of successful professional experience
- X your professional interests and goals match the program capabilities of the School and would be benefitted by the program

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C.A.S. Program Requirements

1. Required Courses: (12 to 18 credits)
 - IST 701 *Pro-Seminar in Information Science and Policy (3)*
 - IST 702 *Directed Readings in Information Science and Policy (3)*
 - IST 768 *Advanced Internship in Information Science and Policy (3-6)*
 - IST 780 *Major Research Seminar (3-6)*

2. Specialization Courses: (6 to 12 credits)
 - Examples of a possible specialization:
 - X Information systems development
 - X Information resources management for public sector decision making
 - X Reference and information services
 - X School media information program administration
 - X Records and archives management
 - X Services for special groups
 - X Indexing and abstracting
 - X Government information resource management

3. Supporting Courses: (6 credits) As advised from other academic or professional programs, such as the following: School of Business, School of Education (Educational Theory and Practice, Educational Administration and Policy Studies, Reading), Graduate School of Public Affairs (Public Administration, Political Science), College of Arts and Sciences (Computer Science, Communications, History)

4. Comprehensive Exam: An examination, individually tailored to the student's concentration, is to be taken at the end of the student's program of study. The examination assesses:
 - a) mastery of the chosen specialization;
 - b) knowledge of major trends and issues in the field; and
 - c) familiarity with research methodologies and priorities

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