

# Department of Information Studies College of Computing and Information

## M.A./M.S.I.S. DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

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 credits in Information Studies to the English or History degree program and seven credits from English or History to the Information Studies 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 hours 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 seminar.

Supporting Courses: (6-9 credits) Six credits of approved Information Studies course work must be included.

Major Field Exam: Satisfactory completion of a major field examination from Group A or one concentration chosen from Group B:  
Group A: United States History; Modern European History; Third World History--Latin America, Asia, Middle East, Africa.  
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.

The major field examination is waived for those students who write a master's thesis in history (His 699).

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: The M.A./M.S.I.S. is not an option for the M.A. in Public History. However, students wishing to complete both programs may use up to 12 credits from the Public History M.A. as M.S.I.S. electives under certain conditions.

**Information Studies (42 credit hours minimum)**

Required Courses: \*IST 523 *Fundamentals of Information Technology* (6)  
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)  
\* or approved substitutes

Concentration Courses: Archives and Records Administration: IST 546, 547, 654, 656  
(6-12 credits) Information Management and Policy: IST 560, 615, 636  
Information Systems and Technology: IST 533, 611, 636  
Library and Information Services: IST 603, 605

Supporting Courses: Seven hours of approved course work in History (in the M.A.(English)/M.S.I.S. program, (9-15 credits) this course work is in English) must be part of the supporting courses sequence.

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 credit hours of approved Information Studies course work must be part of the supporting courses sequence.

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