

INFORMATION: RESEARCH, MS

This program does not directly admit students. It is a degree for students admitted into the PhD Information who leave the PhD program without fulfilling all the PhD requirements but who have completed all requirements for the Masters of Science: Research.

ADMISSIONS

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The MS (named option Research) is offered for work leading to the PhD. Students may not apply directly for this named option, and should instead see the admissions information for the PhD (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/information/information-phd/>).

FUNDING

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GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

Resources to help you afford graduate study might include assistantships, fellowships, traineeships, and financial aid. Further funding information (<https://grad.wisc.edu/funding/>) is available from the Graduate School. Be sure to check with your program for individual policies and restrictions related to funding.

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirements>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

NAMED OPTION REQUIREMENTS MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW–Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail

Minimum Credit Requirement	30 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	16 credits
Minimum Coursework Requirement	15 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.00 GPA required. Refer to the Graduate School: Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/).
Other Grade Requirements	Within the student's total program, one grade of BC or C is allowable in either a required or elective course if it is balanced by a grade of A or AB earned either prior to or concurrently with the unsatisfactory grade. Students receiving a BC or C move into probationary status. A second grade of BC or C or any grade of D or F will normally result in the student being dropped from the program. In addition, a student's graduate-program cumulative grade point average must be maintained at 3.00 or above.
Assessments and Examinations	No formal examination is required.
Language Requirements	None.

REQUIRED COURSES

Students in the MS Information: Research named option must complete any 30 credits from the below list of approved courses.

Code	Title	Credits
L I S 910	Smr-Research Design & Methodology for Library & Information Studies	3
L I S 925	Professional Writing and Reading (PWR) Seminar	1
L I S 931	Seminar in Information Policy, Management and Institutions	3
L I S 940	Seminar in Information Use and Users in Context	3
L I S 950	Seminar in LIS Foundations: Histories, Philosophies and Debates	3

L I S 975	Seminar in Information Organization and Access	3
L I S 603	Research and Assessment for Information Professionals	3
COM ARTS 762	Communication Research Methods	3
JOURN 658	Communication Research Methods	4
L I S/ COM ARTS 705	Introductory Analytics for Decision Making	3
STAT 371	Introductory Applied Statistics for the Life Sciences	3
SOC/C&E SOC 360	Statistics for Sociologists I	4
SOC 362	Statistics for Sociologists III	4
ED PSYCH 760	Statistical Methods Applied to Education I	3
ED PSYCH 761	Statistical Methods Applied to Education II	3
COMP SCI 319	Data Science Programming I for Research	3
SOC/C&E SOC 365	Data Management for Social Science Research	3-4
L I S 768	Digital Humanities Analytics	3
ELPA 823	Data Management for Education Policy Analysis	3
ED PSYCH 551	Quantitative Ethnography	3
STAT 303	R for Statistics I	1
STAT 304	R for Statistics II	1
STAT 305	R for Statistics III	1
L I S 639	Pedagogical Theory and Practice for Information Professionals	3
CURRIC 818	Teaching Controversial Issues	3
CURRIC 844	Culturally Relevant Pedagogy	3
L I S/CURRIC 620	Field Project in Library and Information Agencies	3
L I S 999	Independent Reading and Research	1-4

POLICIES

GRADUATE SCHOOL POLICIES

The Graduate School's Academic Policies and Procedures (<https://grad.wisc.edu/acadpolicy/>) provide essential information regarding general university policies. Program authority to set degree policies beyond the minimum required by the Graduate School lies with the degree program faculty. Policies set by the academic degree program can be found below.

NAMED OPTION-SPECIFIC POLICIES

PRIOR COURSEWORK

Graduate Credits Earned at Other Institutions

The program will not accept credits taken outside of UW-Madison to be used toward the degree.

Undergraduate Credits Earned at Other Institutions or UW-Madison

The program will allow up to 3 credits of approved MS Information or Computer Science coursework taken as an undergraduate to transfer toward the degree. The coursework must be from the approved MS curriculum or approved by an Information School advisor.

Credits Earned as a Professional Student at UW-Madison (Law, Medicine, Pharmacy, and Veterinary careers)

Refer to the Graduate School: Transfer Credits for Prior Coursework (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1216/>) policy.

Credits Earned as a University Special Student at UW-Madison

With program approval, students are allowed to transfer no more than 9 credits of coursework numbered 300 or above taken as a UW-Madison University Special student. Coursework earned ten or more years prior to admission to a master's degree is not allowed to satisfy requirements.

PROBATION

Registration is not a guarantee of enrollment under conditions of unsatisfactory progress. Students who fall into unsatisfactory progress will have an academic hold placed on their record; they should discuss clearing the hold with their adviser.

1. Good standing: progressing according to standards.
2. Probation: not progressing according to standards but permitted to enroll; potential loss of scholarships.
3. Unsatisfactory progress: not progressing according to standards; not permitted to enroll, dismissal, leave of absence.

A student may be placed on probation or suspended from the Graduate School for low grades or for failing to resolve incompletes in a timely fashion. In special cases the Graduate School permits students who do not meet these minimum standards to continue on probation upon recommendation and support of their advisor.

See iSchool Student Handbook (<https://uwmadison.box.com/s/pkxe92jzchcd6yu7pkqc3z2pws2lpke/>). (<https://ischool.wisc.edu/current-students/ma-requirements-overview/ma-program-planning-guides/>)

ADVISOR / COMMITTEE

All continuing students are required to meet with the staff advisor prior to registering for each semester in order to remove registration holds and ensure timely progress towards degree completion. Students may switch advisors at any time by completing a change of advisor form.

CREDITS PER TERM ALLOWED

15 credits (however, 12 credits are highly encouraged)

TIME LIMITS

The maximum period for completion of the MS (under special circumstances) is seven calendar years. Contact the department for more information.

Refer to the Graduate School: Time Limits (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1221/>) policy.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

These resources may be helpful in addressing your concerns:

- Bias or Hate Reporting (<https://doso.students.wisc.edu/bias-or-hate-reporting/>)
- Graduate Assistantship Policies and Procedures (<https://hr.wisc.edu/policies/gapp/#grievance-procedure>)
- Hostile and Intimidating Behavior Policies and Procedures (<https://hr.wisc.edu/hib/>)
 - Office of the Provost for Faculty and Staff Affairs (<https://facstaff.provost.wisc.edu/>)
- Dean of Students Office (<https://doso.students.wisc.edu/>) (for all students to seek grievance assistance and support)
- Employee Assistance (<http://www.eao.wisc.edu/>) (for personal counseling and workplace consultation around communication and conflict involving graduate assistants and other employees, post-doctoral students, faculty and staff)
- Employee Disability Resource Office (<https://employeeabilities.wisc.edu/>) (for qualified employees or applicants with disabilities to have equal employment opportunities)
- Graduate School (<https://grad.wisc.edu/>) (for informal advice at any level of review and for official appeals of program/departmental or school/college grievance decisions)
- Office of Compliance (<https://compliance.wisc.edu/>) (for class harassment and discrimination, including sexual harassment and sexual violence)
- Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards (<https://conduct.students.wisc.edu/>) (for conflicts involving students)
- Ombuds Office for Faculty and Staff (<http://www.ombuds.wisc.edu/>) (for employed graduate students and post-docs, as well as faculty and staff)
- Title IX (<https://compliance.wisc.edu/titleix/>) (for concerns about discrimination)

Students should contact the department chair or program director with questions about grievances. They may also contact the L&S Academic Divisional Associate Deans, the L&S Associate Dean for Teaching and Learning Administration, or the L&S Director of Human Resources.

OTHER

n/a

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

Take advantage of the Graduate School's professional development resources (<https://grad.wisc.edu/pd/>) to build skills, thrive academically, and launch your career.

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Contact Dr Rebekah Willett, Information School PhD Program Chair.
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