

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES: ONLINE PROGRAM, M.A.

ADMISSIONS

Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. **Applicants must meet** the minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) **of the Graduate School as well as the program(s)**. Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>).

Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	December 15
Spring Deadline	The program does not admit in the spring.
Summer Deadline	The program does not admit in the summer.
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Not required.
English Proficiency Test	Every applicant whose native language is not English or whose undergraduate instruction was not in English must provide an English proficiency test score and meet the Graduate School minimum requirements (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/#english-proficiency).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	n/a
Letters of Recommendation Required	3

The school admits students to its on campus and online master's programs once a year, for fall semester. Although applications are accepted until **March 1**, priority consideration, including consideration for departmental scholarships, is given to applications received by **December 15**. After March 1, interested applicants should contact the department to ask if a late application can still be considered.

Note that the online program is called the "distance degree option" in all admissions forms, and students from any geographical location (including Madison, Wisconsin) are welcome to apply. Online students cannot take face to face courses.

For more information on the Information School MA program, including detailed admissions instructions, please see this link (<https://ischool.wisc.edu/current-students/masters-degree-program/>).

The Graduate School requires a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution, or a comparable degree from an international

institution. A minimum undergraduate grade-point average (GPA) of 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale) in the last 60 earned credit hours is required.

Application evaluation criteria include academic abilities, professional promise, leadership and community engagement. An undergraduate program that includes breadth in liberal arts and sciences is required. Any major is acceptable. Prior work experience related to information professions is useful, but is not required. The GRE is not required.

International students: TOEFL or equivalent scores are required if English is not the native language, or if the undergraduate instruction was not in English. The Information School follows UW Graduate School rules regarding English proficiency exams. See the Graduate School website (<http://grad.wisc.edu/>) for updated information. For more information about admission to the master's program, see iSchool MA Admissions. (<https://ischool.wisc.edu/current-students/masters-degree-program/>)