

# MASTER OF LIBRARY SCIENCE

## Program Description

The Master of Library Science is designed to prepare competent professionals for school librarianship; encourage and support scholarly research and publications; promote and participate in faculty growth and development; offer educational services to schools, libraries, and the community; and plan, implement, and evaluate the academic curriculum, teaching effectiveness, physical resources, program policies, and the learning environment.

Graduates of the M.L.S. program will also have the required coursework necessary to sit for the School Librarian Certification exam. Students interested in the certification must have a valid classroom teaching certificate and two years of classroom experience before taking the exam.

## Admissions

Applicants seeking admission to the graduate program in library science must submit the following directly to the Office of Graduate Admissions:

1. Graduate Admissions Application (<http://www.shsu.edu/admissions/apply-texas.html>)
2. Application fee (<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/graduate-studies/application-fee.html>)
3. Official transcript(s) from the baccalaureate degree granting institution and from other colleges and universities attended, both undergraduate and graduate
4. 3.0 G.P.A. requirement
5. A copy of a valid teaching certificate
6. Teacher Service Record from your school district's Human Resource Department with 2 years of certified teaching experience preferred

For instructions regarding the program application, please contact the Department of Library Science at (936) 294-1151 or visit the Office of Graduate Studies (<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/graduate-studies>) program page.

## Degree Requirements

This 36-hour master's degree provides instruction for the principles and procedures common to school libraries and information centers. The primary mission of the Department of Library Science is the preparation of school librarians for grades P-12.

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#### Specified Courses

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| LSSL 5330 | Collection Development         | 3 |
| LSSL 5332 | Organization Of Collections I  | 3 |
| LSSL 5334 | Infor Services & Resources I   | 3 |
| LSSL 5337 | School Library Administration  | 3 |
| LSSL 5360 | Literature For Children        | 3 |
| LSSL 5366 | Library Internship             | 3 |
| LSSL 5367 | Research Design & Methodology  | 3 |
| LSSL 5370 | School Librarianship           | 3 |
| LSSL 5385 | Lit For Young Adults           | 3 |
| LSSL 5391 | Dig Tech for the Schl Librar   | 3 |
| LSSL 5396 | Computer Sci App Librarianship | 3 |

#### Elective

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| Select one elective graduate course in LSSL |  | 3 |
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| Total Hours |  | 36 |
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