

# MASTER OF LIBRARY SCIENCE

The Master of Library Science (MLS) is designed to prepare competent professionals for school librarianship. The MLS program will introduce students to library collection development that supports the curriculum as well as reading for pleasure; comprehensive review of children's and young adult literature; how to manage a school library; information and digital literacies; digital tools that school librarians use; reference and services; and cataloging, classification, and subject analysis techniques.

Graduates of the MLS program will also have the required coursework necessary for the School Librarian Certification exam in Texas. To be recommended for Texas certification, you must have a valid teaching certificate, two years of teaching experience, the requisite coursework to take the exam, as well as any other requirements included in the Texas Administrative Code for the School Librarian Certificate.

**Additional information:** Reference the Program Landing Page (<https://www.shsu.edu/programs/graduate/library-science/>) for additional information, such as cost, delivery format, contact information, or to schedule a visit.

Applicants seeking admission to the graduate program in library science must submit the following directly to the Office of Graduate Admissions (<https://www.shsu.edu/dept/graduate-admissions/prospective-students.html>):

#### Admissions Review:

1. Graduate 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 from the baccalaureate institution with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. If GPA is lower than a 3.0, the last 60 hours of education can be used.

#### Program Review:

1. Pay the \$35 Texas Education Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs Fee (<http://tinyurl.com/SHSU-EPP-Tech-Fee/>) (paid to the TEA as required by TAC 229.9.7 ([http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.TacPage/?sl=R&app=9&p\\_dir=&p\\_rloc=&p\\_tloc=&p\\_ploc=&pg=1&p\\_tac=&ti=19&pt=7&ch=229&rl=9%E2%88%9A](http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.TacPage/?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=19&pt=7&ch=229&rl=9%E2%88%9A)))) if seeking Texas School Librarian certification
2. A copy of a valid Texas teaching certificate
3. Teacher Service Record from your school district's Human Resource Department with two years of certified teaching experience preferred
4. Interview
5. Writing Sample

For instructions regarding the application process, 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.

This 36-hour master's degree provides instruction for the preparation of PK-12 school librarians. For school librarian certification in Texas, a passing score on the state's certification exam is required toward the end of the program's coursework.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Master of Library Science</b>		
<b>Specified Courses</b>		
LSSL 5330	Collection Development	3
LSSL 5332	Organization of Collections I	3
LSSL 5334	Information Services and Resources I	3
LSSL 5337	School Library Administration	3
LSSL 5360	Literature For Children	3
LSSL 5366	Library Practicum/Intern	3
LSSL 5367	Research Design & Methodology	3
LSSL 5370	School Librarianship	3
LSSL 5385	Literature for Young Adults	3
LSSL 5391	Digital Technology for the School Librarian	3
LSSL 5396	Computer Science Applications to Librarianship	3
<b>Elective</b>		
Select one elective graduate course in LSSL		3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) marketable skills initiative is part of the state's **60x30TX plan** and was designed to help students articulate their skills to employers. Marketable skills are those skills valued by employers and/or graduate programs that can be applied in a variety of work or education settings and may include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skill areas.

The Master of Library Science is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Collaboration and teamwork.
- Ethical practices.
- Planning and organizational skills.
- Communication.
- Technology use in the library.
- Leadership.
- Creativity, critical thinking, and problem solving.
- Flexibility.