

DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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Mission

The Department of Library Science and Technology through excellence in instruction, scholarship, and other creative activities, as well as service to the public, to the profession, and to the community provides professionals with the knowledge, skills, experiences, and dispositions necessary to serve a diverse population within Texas, across the country, and globally. The Department of Library Science and Technology also seeks to educate leaders who transform learning.

Academic Programs

The Department is home to a Bachelor of Arts in Learning Technologies. The program is 100% online and is designed to equip future educators and educational support staff with a deep understanding of the role that digital technologies play in the modern teaching and learning process. Students explore digital technology tools commonly used in education and develop the skills necessary to integrate these tools effectively into traditional, virtual, and hybrid learning spaces. In addition, students engage with foundational theories of instructional systems, design principles, educational research, and assessment and evaluation. Those who are considering a non-traditional of traditional path towards a degree may be interested in this program. Anyone interested in becoming a professional in an educational technology field might want to pursue this degree.

Values

- Student success
- Academic excellence
- Inclusiveness
- Collaboration
- Creativity and innovation

Highlights

- The online program has class sizes that provide an opportunity for close working relationships between faculty and students
- The faculty collaborate together and provide support for students
- The programs prepare students with critical thinking and problem-solving skills that may be applied in their careers

Career Opportunities

- Instructional Technologist
- Instructional Designer
- Experience Designer
- eLearning Developer
- Training Specialist
- Bachelor of Arts, Major in Learning Technologies (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/education/library-science-and-technology/ba-learning-technologies/>)

Library Science Scholarships

Apply for the following scholarships through Scholarships4Kats (<https://shsu.academicworks.com/>)

- Allene Susie Homan Memorial Library Science Endowed Scholarship
- Beatrice Craig Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Bonnie Baker Thorne Scholarship Fund
- Dr. Marie Hayden Scholarship Fund
- Former Library Science Professors Endowed Scholarship
- Homer Glen Cowan and Billie Caperton Cowan Educational Scholarship
- Janelle Avenell Paris Endowment for Library Science Scholarship Fund
- Sophie Williams Cloninger Library Science Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Virginia Gibbs Smyth Scholarship

Instructional Systems Design and Technology Scholarships

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Library Science

LSSL 2363. Literature for Children and Teens. 3 Hours.

Students are acquainted with the selection, critical analysis, and historical development of literature for children and young adults. Emphasis is placed on selecting materials that meet the needs and interests of children and young adults, identifying techniques and strategies that will motivate all children and young adults to read and respond to literature, and developing critical abilities for evaluating literature and related materials. A strong multicultural element is also a part of this course. Course Equivalents: LSSL 3363

Prerequisite: Must have sophomore standing or above.

LSSL 3361. Literature and Related Materials for Children. 3 Hours.

Students study the historical development, critical analysis, and selection of materials for children. Identification and use of folklore, poetry, imaginative, realistic, and informational literature. Stresses developmental needs of children, including those of various ethnic groups. Emphasis is placed on motivational techniques.

Prerequisite: Must have junior standing or above.

LSSL 3362. Literature and Related Materials for Young Adults. 3 Hours.

Students study selection of literature, the approved selection tools, the preparation of bibliographies, oral and written reports, book talks, critical evaluations, annotations, and the sharing of reading experiences with a stress on the developmental needs of young adults. Emphasis is placed on motivational techniques.

Prerequisite: Must have junior standing or above.

LSSL 4010. Library Science Workshop. 1-3 Hours.

Students explore current topics in school libraries. One semester hour is earned, and the course may be repeated for a maximum of three hours. NOTE: Maximum of three hours workshop coursework allowed in a student's program.

LSSL 4375. Directed Independent Study in Library Science. 3 Hours.

Students engage in an arranged professional and developmental learning experiences incorporating a practical application of Library Science skills and practices to include internships, individual research, and studies.

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