



Information Systems Minor

UNC SCHOOL OF INFORMATION AND LIBRARY SCIENCE

The Information Systems Minor is a program for undergraduate students who wish to develop knowledge and skills in the use and design of information systems. It provides students with an understanding of computing, networking, multimedia, electronic information resources and the Internet that can be used to solve problems in a variety of contexts.

The minor complements the student's major field of study by offering knowledge, skills and experience using these technologies and will require 15 hours of credit to complete.

Admission Qualifications

Undergraduate students who are seniors, juniors or have completed the first semester of their sophomore year may apply during the formal application period at the beginning of each semester.

Participation is limited and admission will be competitive. Criteria for admission include the candidate's academic record, work and extracurricular experience, and substantive thinking about the role of information systems in his or her major field. Candidates from a variety of disciplinary backgrounds are sought. The level of prior computer experience is *not* a criterion for admission.

To apply for admission, students must complete an application form found on the SILS Web site and attach the following items:

- A current résumé, including information about work experience and/or extracurricular activities
- A brief essay (100-300 words), discussing the role of information (its creation, communication, storage and/or transmission) in a particular application area or in society at large, and the candidate's reason(s) for pursuing the minor in information systems.

Curriculum

The minor complement's the student's major field of study by offering knowledge, skills, and experience using these technologies and will require the completion of 15 hours of credit including a prerequisite course, INLS 200. **NEW in Spring 2010, INLS 101: Foundations of Information Science!**

INLS 200: Retrieving and Analyzing Information

INLS 261: Tools for Information Literacy

Note: If an understanding of the bulk of the skills taught can be demonstrated, an elective course dealing with information systems relevant to the student's interests may be substituted. The elective may be a course in his or her own discipline, INLS courses, or simply a course of use/interest to the student that is relevant to the minor. The elective must be approved by a SILS Academic Affairs.

INLS 382: Information Systems Analysis and Design

INLS 523: Introduction to Database Concepts and Applications

One Elective

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Academic Environment

Ranked #1 in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*, the School of Information and Library Science at UNC-Chapel Hill is at the forefront of today's ever-changing information and library science landscape. The school is home to nearly 400 students pursuing bachelor's degrees in information science, master's degrees in library science and information science, certificates of advanced studies and doctoral degrees in information and library science. Twenty-eight faculty members are well known for their commitment to research and service, as well as interaction with students.

More Information

Applications can be obtained from and questions can be addressed to:

School of Information and Library Science
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
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Chapel Hill, NC 27599

Or contact SILS Student Services at **919-962-8366** or via e-mail at: minor@ils.unc.edu