

Academic Librarianship Course Advising Grids

Librarians in small academic libraries are often generalists and perform many types of tasks. In larger academic libraries, most librarians are more specialized and spend most of their time working in one area. Job titles include: user experience librarian, digital scholarship librarian, subject-specific liaison librarian, scholarly communication librarian, special collections librarian, library information analyst, open educational resources (OER) librarian, assessment librarian, catalog librarian, student success librarian, metadata librarian, and research and instruction librarian.

These tables cover some of the most common specializations with suggested courses for each. As with most of our course advising grids, these courses are only suggestions and you should feel free to customize your program to your own individual needs. Please also note that there is a separate area of specialization for instructional librarianship, which is not covered in this document.

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Focus on Cataloging

Core Courses (Take in Your First Year)

INLS 777: Perspectives (Fall)

INLS 776: Ethics (Spring)

Recommended Bin Courses

*Highly Recommended

Information	Services and Organizations	Technology	People and Communities
<i>Take at least 2</i>	<i>Take at least 1 (MSIS) or 2 (MSLS)</i>	<i>Take at least 2 (MSIS) or 1 (MSLS)</i>	<i>Take at least 1</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● INLS 513: Resource Selection and Evaluation ● INLS 520: Organization of Information* ● INLS 720: Metadata Architectures and Applications* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● INLS 501: Information Resources and Services ● INLS 525: Electronic Records Management* ● INLS 582: Systems Analysis ● INLS 721: Cataloging Theory and Practice* ● INLS 841: Seminar in Academic Libraries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● INLS 752: Digital Preservation and Access ● INLS 523: Introduction to Database Concepts and Applications* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● INLS 500: Human Information Interactions ● INLS 737: Inclusive Information Services for Diverse Populations ● INLS 754: Access, Outreach, and Public Services in Cultural Heritage Repositories

Capstone (Take in Second Year)

- INLS 778 / 992 (research-based master's paper track) OR
- INLS 779 / 992 (practicum / project track)

Additional Recommended Courses

- INLS 795: Professional Field Experience

Focus on Collections

Core Courses (Take in Your First Year)

INLS 777: Perspectives (Fall)

INLS 776: Ethics (Spring)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● INLS 513: Resource Selection and Evaluation* ● INLS 520: Organization of Information* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● INLS 501: Information Resources and Services ● INLS 700: Scholarly Communication* ● INLS 740: Digital Libraries ● INLS 841: Seminar in Academic Libraries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● INLS 465: Understanding Information Technology for Managing Digital Collections ● INLS 750: introduction to Digital Curation* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● INLS 690: Information Professionals in the Makerspace ● INLS 737: Inclusive Information Services for Diverse Populations ● INLS 754: Access, Outreach, and Public Services in Cultural Heritage Repositories

Capstone (Take in Second Year)

- INLS 778 / 992 (research-based master's paper track) OR
- INLS 779 / 992 (practicum / project track)

Additional Recommended Courses

- INLS 556: Intro to Archives
- INLS 523: Introduction to Database Concepts and Applications
- INLS 582: Systems Analysis
- INLS 752: Digital Preservation and Access
- INLS 753: Preservation of Library and Archive Materials
- INLS 795: Professional Field Experience
- INLS 857: Seminar in Rare Book Collections

Focus on Management

Core Courses (Take in Your First Year)

INLS 777: Perspectives (Fall)

INLS 776: Ethics (Spring)

Recommended Bin Courses

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● INLS 513: Resource Selection and Evaluation ● INLS 520: Organization of Information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● INLS 501: Information Resources and Services ● INLS 585: Management for Information Professionals* ● INLS 782: Library Assessment ● INLS 786: Marketing of Information Services* ● INLS 841: Seminar in Academic Libraries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● INLS 465: Understanding Information Technology for Managing Digital Collections ● INLS 523: Introduction to Database Concepts and Applications ● INLS 750: Introduction to Digital Curation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● INLS 500: Human Information Interactions* ● INLS 690: Community Data Lab ● INLS 737: Inclusive Information Services for Diverse Populations ● INLS 754: Access, Outreach, and Public Services in Cultural Heritage Repositories

Capstone (Take in Second Year)

- INLS 778 / 992 (research-based master's paper track) OR
- INLS 779 / 992 (practicum / project track)

Additional Recommended Courses

- INLS 523: Introduction to Database Concepts and Applications
- INLS 582: Systems Analysis
- INLS 685: Project Management*
- INLS 795: Professional Field Experience
- Additional course in financial management from SILS, the School of Government, or Kenan Flagler Business School

Focus on User Services

Core Courses (Take in Your First Year)

INLS 777: Perspectives (Fall)

INLS 776: Ethics (Spring)

Recommended Bin Courses

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● INLS 513: Resource Selection and Evaluation* ● INLS 520: Organization of Information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● INLS 501: Information Resources and Services* ● INLS 582: Systems Analysis ● INLS 782: Library Assessment ● INLS 841: Seminar in Academic Libraries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● INLS 523: Introduction to Database Concepts and Applications ● INLS 560: Programming for Information Professionals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● INLS 690: Information Professionals in the Makerspace ● INLS 690: Community Data Lab ● INLS 737: Inclusive Information Services for Diverse Populations ● INLS 754: Access, Outreach, and Public Services in Cultural Heritage Repositories

Capstone (Take in Second Year)

- INLS 778 / 992 (research-based master's paper track) OR
- INLS 779 / 992 (practicum / project track)

Additional Recommended Courses

- INLS 701: Information Retrieval Search Strategies
- INLS 740: Digital Libraries: Principles and Applications
- INLS 795: Professional Field Experience*

Focus on Reference

Core Courses (Take in Your First Year)

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INLS 776: Ethics (Spring)

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Capstone (Take in Second Year)

- INLS 778 / 992 (research-based master's paper track) OR
- INLS 779 / 992 (practicum / project track)

Additional Recommended Courses

- INLS 509: Information Retrieval
- Any course in the INLS 703-709 range
- INLS 740: Digital Libraries: Principles and Applications
- INLS 795: Professional Field Experience