

## Specialization in Academic Libraries (MSLS)

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, catalog librarian, student success librarian, metadata librarian, and research and instruction librarian. This table covers some of the most common specializations with suggested courses for each.

	Focus on User Services	Focus on Collections	Focus on Management	Focus on Cataloging	
<b>Required Courses</b>	<b>---- Highly Recommended ----</b>				
500 Human Information Interactions	701 Info Retrieval Search Strategies	700 Scholarly Communication	685 Project Management	525 Electronic Records Management	
501 Information Resources & Services	841 Seminar in Academic Libraries	740 Digital Libraries	782 Library Assessment	720 Metadata	
513 Resource Selection and Evaluation	<u>At least ONE of:</u> 703 Science Information 704 Humanities and Social Science Info 705 Health Sciences Info 707 Govt Information 709 Business Information 746 Music Librarianship 749 Art and Visual Information Management	841 Seminar in Academic Libraries	786 Marketing of Information Services	721 Cataloging Theory and Practice	
520 Organization of Information		<u>At least ONE of:</u> 703 Science Information 704 Humanities and Social Science Info 705 Health Sciences Info 707 Govt Information 709 Business Information 746 Music Librarianship 749 Art and Visual Information Management	841 Seminar in Academic Libraries	841 Seminar in Academic Libraries	752 Digital Preservation and Access
581 Research Methods Overview		703 Science Information	At least one course in Financial Management from SILS, School of Government or Kenan Flagler Business School		841 Seminar in Academic Libraries
585 Management for Info Professionals		704 Humanities and Social Science Info			
781 Proposal Preparation and Development		705 Health Sciences Info			
992 Master's Paper (related to academic library issues)		707 Govt Information			
		709 Business Information			
		746 Music Librarianship			
		749 Art and Visual Information Management			
		857 Seminar in Rare Book Collections			
	<b>---- Recommended ----</b>				
	523 Database Systems I	556 Intro to Archives	503 Communication Skills	523 Database Systems I	
	582 Systems Analysis	553 Database Systems I	523 Database Systems I	582 Systems Analysis	
	584 Information Ethics	582 Systems Analysis	582 Systems Analysis	584 Information Ethics	
	740 Digital Libraries	584 Information Ethics	584 Information Ethics	795 Prof Field Experience	
	739 Info Services for Special Populations	752 Digital Preservation and Access	795 Prof Field Experience		
	795 Prof Field Experience	753 Preservation of Library and Archive Materials			
	888 Seminar in Teaching and Academic Life	795 Prof Field Experience			

**Note:** Work experience in Academic Libraries is an almost universal requirement for finding a position after graduation. If you do not have such experience (for example working as a graduate assistant in an academic library), the Professional Field Experience course is especially important. Students are encouraged to review the courses offered as INLS 690 or INLS 890 (special topics) each semester, as some of these courses may be relevant to this specialization.