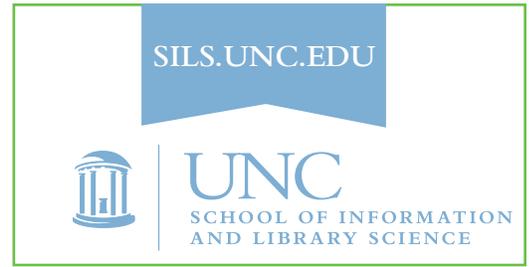


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Master of Science in Library Science candidates fulfill the following requirements:

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- 48 semester hours of graduate-level course work
- Satisfactory completion of a comprehensive examination
- Satisfactory completion of a master's paper or project

Application Requirements

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