

MLS Program Review

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The information presented here is for comparative purposes only and represents a few of the available programs, which we reviewed. If you are interested in an MLS program, we encourage you to review the ALA website listed below for more complete information. The cost and application information presented here are accurate to the best of our knowledge at the time of printing and are subject to change. Note that all admissions GPA's refer to undergraduate work. It is also assumed that all Universities have some type of application form for graduate school.

Program Link	University	Admissions Requirements	Cost	Graduation Requirements
Alabama MLIS	 <p>University of Alabama</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's degree in any major with a minimum 3.0 GPA for the last 60 semester hours. • Completed online application form and fee payment. • Statement of Purpose. • Current Resume or Curriculum Vitae. • Two letters of recommendation (professional or academic). • Official transcripts from all previously attended institutions. 	<p>\$440/credit hour</p>	<p>36 credit hours</p>
Drexel MSLIS	 <p>Drexel University</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four-year bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution. • Preferred cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. • Statement of Purpose (SOP). • Letter of Recommendation (LOR). • Current Resume or Curriculum Vitae. • Academic transcripts and certificates. 	<p>\$1,382 per credit hour</p>	<p>45 credits</p>

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UWM MLIS	 <p>University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's degree from an approved accredited institution. • Undergraduate GPA of at least 2.75 on a 4.0 scale. • Online graduate application and fee. • One- to two-page Statement of Reason. • Official transcripts from each institution attended. 	<p>\$800/credit</p>	<p>36 credits (30 for existing grad degree holders)</p>
Emporia State MLS	 <p>Emporia State University</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's degree with official transcripts. • GPA of 3.0 or higher for standard admission (probationary admission considered for lower GPAs). • Statement of Purpose. • Current Resume or CV. • Two letters of reference. • ID Verification. 	<p>In-state: \$286.44/credit hour; Out-of-state: \$429.66/credit hour</p>	<p>36 credits</p>
NCCU MLS	 <p>North Carolina Central University</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 on all undergraduate work. • Official transcripts for all post-secondary education. • Statement of Purpose (700–800 words). • Two letters of recommendation. • Current Resume or CV. 	<p>In-state: \$298.73/credit hour; Out-of-state: \$1,036.07</p>	<p>36 semester hours</p>

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Syracuse MSLIS	 Syracuse University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's level degree in any discipline. • Completed online application. • Personal Statement. • Two letters of recommendation. • Current Resume. • Official transcripts of undergraduate degree. 	\$1,872/credit hour	36 credit hours
Illinois MSLIS	 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's degree with official transcripts. • Personal Statement. • Three letters of reference. • Current Resume. 	Residents: \$663/credit hour; Non-residents: \$958/credit hour	40 credit hours
UNT MLIS	 University of North Texas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution. • Overall undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. • Statement of Purpose. • Two letters of recommendation. • \$75 application fee. 	\$570/credit hour	36 credit hours and field experience

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Pittsburgh MLIS	 <p>University of Pittsburgh</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's degree and official transcripts. • Personal Statement. • Two letters of recommendation. • Current Resume. • Indication of preference for online or in-person format. 	In-State/Out-of-State: \$1,067/credit	36 credit hours
USM MLIS	 <p>University of Southern Mississippi</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's degree (GPA proof often required). • Statement of Purpose. • Two letters of recommendation on professional letterhead. • Current Resume. • Proof of MMR immunization for Mississippi residents. 	Part-time: \$506/hour; Full-time: \$5,559/semester	40 credit hours
Tennessee MSIS	 <p>University of Tennessee, Knoxville</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's degree with unofficial transcripts. • Personal Statement (400–700 words). • Three letters of recommendation. • Current Resume. • GPA of 3.5 or above is typically required for a GRE waiver. 	In-state: \$700/credit hour; Out-of-state: \$775/credit hour	36 credit hours

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Washington MLIS	 <p>University of Washington</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's degree with official transcripts. • Statement of Purpose and Diversity Statement. • Short Answer Response/Essay. • Two letters of recommendation (three recommended). • Current CV or Resume. 	<p>\$889/credit hour</p>	<p>63 quarter credits</p>
SJSU MLIS	 <p>San Jose State University</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's degree with a GPA of at least 3.0. • Official transcripts. • General understanding of computers and technology. • Access to a computer with appropriate software. 	<p>\$525/credit hour</p>	<p>43 credits</p>