

Program Assessment

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Applications, Acceptance & Enrollment Rates

Average GPA of graduate MLIS applicants, fall 2010-2017*

App Year	# Students	Average GPA
2010	463	3.48
2011	447	3.49
2012	313	3.47
2013	227	3.55
2014	286	3.49
2015	225	3.43
2016	269	3.44
2017	260	3.53

*Of those who reported GPA scores

Applications, acceptance & enrollment rates, fall 2012-2017

Year	Applications Received	Applications Completed	Admitted Students	Percent Admitted Of Completed Apps	New Enrollment	Percent Enrolled Of Admits
2010	275	250	134	53.60%	88	65.67%
2011	232	201	110	54.73%	75	68.18%
2012	172	148	115	77.70%	78	67.83%
2013	150	134	103	76.87%	85	82.52%
2014	156	140	105	75.00%	79	75.24%
2015	140	117	92	78.63%	64	69.57%
2016	156	131	97	74.05%	84	86.60%
2017	177	134	106	79.10%	82	77.36%

Enrollment by campus, 2012-2017*

Year	Main Campus	Gadsden	Distance Learning	Total
2010	112	54	106	272
2011	117	36	101	254
2012	93	38	116	247
2013	87	36	122	245
2014	74	14	124	212
2015	59	15	113	187
2016	46	25	118	189
2017	48	27	143	218

*Student counts are based on reported campus codes only and may not reflect the actual totals

U.S. enrollment by admit state, fall 2014-2017*

Code	State	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total
AL	Alabama	108	100	89	104	401
AK	Alaska	1	1	2	0	4
AZ	Arizona	1	1	0	0	2
CA	California	5	4	0	4	13
CO	Colorado	2	2	1	2	7
CT	Connecticut	0	0	0	1	1
DE	Delaware	2	1	0	1	4
DC	District of Columbia	0	0	1	1	2
FL	Florida	5	1	3	5	14
GA	Georgia	10	15	17	16	58
ID	Idaho	2	3	2	0	7
IL	Illinois	4	5	8	9	26
IN	Indiana	2	1	0	0	3
IA	Iowa	0	0	1	1	2
KY	Kentucky	2	3	2	1	8
LA	Louisiana	3	0	1	1	5
MD	Maryland	3	1	2	1	7
MA	Massachusetts	0	1	4	5	10
MI	Michigan	0	1	2	1	4
MN	Minnesota	1	1	2	2	6
MS	Mississippi	5	3	5	4	18
MO	Missouri	2	4	6	6	18
MT	Montana	1	1	0	0	2
NE	Nebraska	0	0	1	1	2
NV	Nevada	0	0	0	1	1
NH	New Hampshire	1	1	1	1	4
NJ	New Jersey	1	2	1	1	5
NY	New York	2	1	4	3	10
NC	North Carolina	3	0	2	2	7
ND	North Dakota	1	1	0	0	2
OH	Ohio	2	1	0	0	3
OK	Oklahoma	1	1	0	0	2
OR	Oregon	3	3	2	1	9
PA	Pennsylvania	7	2	2	3	14
SC	South Carolina	1	2	1	4	8
SD	South Dakota	3	1	0	0	4
TN	Tennessee	9	8	10	11	38
TX	Texas	4	2	4	3	13
UT	Utah	2	2	1	4	9
VT	Vermont	1	0	0	0	1
VA	Virginia	4	3	5	11	23
WA	Washington	4	3	2	2	11
WV	West Virginia	1	0	1	1	3
WI	Wisconsin	2	3	2	1	8
	Total	211	185	187	215	798

*Of those who reported

Retention & Graduation

Retention and graduation of first-time master's students, fall cohorts, 2007-2012*

Research/ Professional Track	Head Count	Grad. 1		Cont. 2 nd		Grad. 2		Cont. 3 rd		Grad. 3		Cont. 4 th		Grad. 4	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total	480	18	3.8	425	88.5	309	64.4	124	25.8	401	83.5	30	6.3	424	88.3
Plan I: Thesis Option	3			3	100.0	2	66.7	1	33.3	3	100.0			3	100.0
Plan II: Non-Thesis Option	477	18	3.8	422	88.5	307	64.4	123	25.8	398	83.4	30	6.3	421	88.3

*Cumulative

MLIS program average time to degree (in years), 2012-2016*

Degree Year	Head Count	Average Time (in Years) to Degree
2012	106	2.34
2013	115	2.58
2014	93	2.41
2015	102	2.46
2016	100	2.58

* A degree year accounts for spring of the given year and fall and summer of the previous year.

Job Placement

For the 2016 *Library Journal* survey, 96 MLIS graduates received invitations to participate in the *Library Journal (LJ)* survey. These included 79 female and 17 male students, and 27 responses were received (28.1%). Of these, 21 respondents indicated that they were employed fulltime with salaries ranging from \$19,200 to \$94,000, with an average of \$42,525.

Details are available at the Library Journal Placement and Salaries Survey

(<http://lj.libraryjournal.com/2016/10/placements-and-salaries/2016-survey/explore-all-the-data-2016/>)

Program Profile

Program Goals

<https://slis.ua.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/SLIS-STRATEGIC-PLAN.pdf>

Degree Requirements

<https://slis.ua.edu/curriculum/>

ALA Core Competencies and SLIS Program Learning Outcomes

<https://slis.ua.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Program-Learning-Outcomes.pdf>