

MISSION STATEMENT

To prepare the next generation of 21st century information professionals through impactful research, creative entrepreneurship, learner-centered teaching, and innovative professional practice.

VISION OF THE M.L.S. PROGRAM

To meet the information society's current and future needs pertaining to the discovery, acquisition, organization, provision, and ethical and effective use of information regardless of media format.

LIBRARIANS ARE INFORMATION PROFESSIONALS WHO CONNECT USERS TO THE INFORMATION THEY NEED.

Have you been interested in becoming a librarian, but just haven't pursued it? Or perhaps you have never considered it, and now you're looking for a new career. Either way, becoming a librarian is the pathway to a rewarding career.

Our graduates work in a variety of settings, such as school, public, academic, and special libraries. In an age of information overload, librarians curate information that is relevant, authentic, and accurate. They embrace new technology while still maintaining a deep understanding of book culture. Librarians are not just one type of person, but rather professionals who have varied personalities, skill sets, interests, and backgrounds. Whether it's running summer reading programs for children, connecting an ESL reader with helpful materials, working with adults in an academic setting, cataloging items, or working on the library website, everyone has a place in the library.

The M.L.S. program at MTSU consists of 36 credits, including a field experience that puts you in the practitioner's seat. MTSU's program produces practice-ready librarians. The themes of building a learning environment, leadership, technology, and user-based mindset are reflected in every aspect of MTSU's program. Performance-based assessments are used to ensure that candidates are ready to take their places in the profession.

For candidates interested in PreK-12 certification, the program is approved by the Tennessee Department of Education. Students can seek initial licensure or an add-on endorsement. (The M.L.S. with initial licensure requires 39 credit hours.)

The M.L.S. program is CAEP accredited and has precandidacy accreditation status with the American Library Association.

COURSE OFFERINGS

The program is fully online with no on-campus presence required. Courses are taught asynchronously through the D2L course management system—no need to be online at a certain time. Collaborative papers, guided discussion, individual assignments, and field experiences enable students to learn together and get support from instructors, classmates, and practicing librarians. Each course is tailored to individual student interest. Students may propose alternative electives in other disciplines if those help attain their goals.

In 2023, a dual degree program was approved, combining the Master of Library Science and the Master of Social Work for candidates interested in that option.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Office of Financial Aid provides financial assistance to qualified students. Results from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) are required before eligibility can be determined for federal financial aid programs.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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WOMACK EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

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PROGRAM OF STUDY: MASTER OF LIBRARY SCIENCE

(all courses 3 credit hours)

Required Core Courses (15 hours)

- LIBS 6000 Librarianship
- LIBS 6015 Introduction to Information Intermediation, Resources, and Instruction
- LIBS 6020 Organization of Information
- LIBS 6030 Information Technology for Information Professionals
- LIBS 6060 Understanding Research for Evaluation in Libraries

Administration (3 hours)

- LIBS 6100 Management of Libraries
- LIBS 6105 School Library Management

Field Experience (3 hours)

- LIBS 6550 Supervised Field Experience in Library Science

Electives (15 hours)

- LIBS 6106 Introduction to Leadership in Libraries
- LIBS 6115 Collection Development and User Services
- LIBS 6201 Public Libraries
- LIBS 6310 Materials for Literacy of Children
- LIBS 6311 Materials for Literacy of Young People and Adults
- LIBS 6320 Information Searching Strategies
- LIBS 6330 Digital Library Collections
- LIBS 6340 Integration of Learning Theory, Programs, and Technology
- LIBS 6345 Instructional Strategies for Information Professional
- LIBS 6401 Academic Libraries
- LIBS 6550 Supervised Field Experience in Library Science (may be taken once more as an elective)
- LIBS 6700 Special Libraries and Librarianship

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the Master of Library Science program requires:

1. an earned bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college with an acceptable grade point average (2.75 GPA) in all college work taken
2. three letters of recommendations from professionals
3. 500-word essay (Statement of Purpose) regarding applicant's reasons for seeking the M.L.S. at MTSU
4. (current teacher's license for those with another master's degree seeking non-degree school library endorsement only)

APPLICATION DEADLINES

We have a rolling admissions process and admit students for the fall, spring, and summer semesters.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

All application materials are to be submitted to the College of Graduate Studies.

The applicant must:

1. Submit application with the \$50 application fee to mtsu.edu/graduate/.
2. Submit official transcripts from all collegiate institutions attended.
3. Submit three letters of recommendation from professors or professionals.
4. Submit Statement of Purpose (500 words).

College of GRADUATE STUDIES



For more information about the College of Graduate Studies at Middle Tennessee State University, visit mtsu.edu/graduate or contact us at askgrad@mtsu.edu.

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