

ILS Frequently Asked Questions

Is the MLS Degree available online?

All of the degrees offered at IU Bloomington ILS Department are residential. We are dual accredited with our Indianapolis campus IUPUI, and they do offer a completely online MLS. For more information please email soiclis@iupui.edu

Is the GRE and/or TOEFL Required?

The GRE is required for any domestic student whose undergraduate GPA is lower than 3.0 or whose graduate GPA is lower than 3.2. The GRE is also required for all International Applicants. If you are applying as an international student and you completed your degree in the US, please contact the Director of ILS Graduate Student Services, Corey Tarbell, at ctarbell@indiana.edu to request a GRE waiver.

The TOEFL is required for all international applicants. If you completed a degree at a US institution, please contact the Director of ILS Graduate Student Services, Corey Tarbell (ctarbell@indiana.edu), to request a waiver if you are a master's applicant, or Dr. John Walsh (jawalsh@indiana.edu) if you are a Ph.D. applicant.

What is the departmental code for reporting TOEFL and GRE?

To report GRE and TOEFL you should only need the Institution Code of 1324 for Indiana University. If you would like to use the GRE departmental code we recommend 0404 for Information Science or 4701 for Library Science. At this time, there is not a departmental code for the TOEFL.

How do I report the GMAT?

The GMAT is not directly reported to the ILS department. We recommend submitting your official scores to the IU Kelley School of Business, and sending a pdf of the score report to ilsmain@indiana.edu. This allows for the scores to be officially reported to the University, but also lets us process the test scores in a timely fashion.

What test scores do I need to qualify for the program?

For the ILS Programs we take a very holistic approach to reviewing applications. As such we do not have specific minimum requirements that students must meet to qualify for the program. While we do not have minimum requirements, we do generally look for scores around Q-144, V-153, and AW-4.0. Additionally, due to student privacy rules, we will not release specific information or profiles about the GPA or test scores of an incoming class.

What sort of background is required for the program?

There is no specific background or undergraduate degree required for admission to the program. Applicants need a US equivalent bachelor's degree to qualify for the program.

What is the total cost of the program?

The total cost of the program will vary depending on which program you apply and are admitted for.

The residential program will largely depend on residency classification and the current tuition rates. To check the current tuition rates please visit the IU Office of The Bursar's website here: <https://bursar.indiana.edu/tuition-fees/fees-semester.html>. Additionally, there are fees associated with each individual class. To estimate the total tuition for a given semester please visit the Bursar's website here: <https://bursar.indiana.edu/tuition-fees/index.html>.

Since tuition and cost of living vary greatly from year to year, we do not offer an estimate of the total cost of the program. If you are an international student and need cost information for visa documentation, please contact the IU Office of International Services at ois@iu.edu or by phone at 812-855-9086.

What is the total duration of the program?

While there is no minimum duration requirement for the ILS Department, we highly recommend that full time Masters students complete the program in to 2 years. Masters students do have a maximum of 5 years to complete the program.

Can I transfer some courses to count towards the program?

The ILS Department can accept up to 6 credit hours from another ALA accredited institution that has not been counted towards another degree or certification. If you have further questions about this, please contact ilsmain@indiana.edu

Does the program offer scholarships or assistantships?

The ILS Department does offer some scholarships to incoming students. All applications received and complete by January 1st will automatically be considered for departmental scholarships. For more information and additional external scholarship opportunities please visit our website here: <http://www.soic.indiana.edu/graduate/financial-aid/information-library-science.html>

Is the program ALA accredited?

The Master of Library Science and Master of Information Science degrees are accredited by the American Library Association (ALA).

Do I need to submit official transcripts?

Yes, we do require official transcripts to enroll in the program. If you would like to submit unofficial transcripts for your application, we can use scans of transcripts for purposes of the application, but official transcripts must be submitted to the Department of Information and Library Science by the time of enrollment.

For international students please check the IU Office of International Services website here: <http://ois.indiana.edu/admissions/apply/graduate/equivalent.shtml> to review what documents are required for admission.

How long does the review process take?

The length of time for the review process will vary depending on time of year and how busy the ILS staff and faculty members are at the given moment. Once an application is complete and placed in review, we strive to complete the review process in about 2 weeks. Depending on the time of year, the review process could take as long as 8 weeks. Please feel free to contact ilsmain@indiana.edu or 812-855-2018 for an update.

Do we have a dual degree program?

The ILS Department does offer many different dual degree options with both the MLS and MIS degrees. For more information about the requirements and dual degrees offered please visit our website here: <http://www.soic.indiana.edu/graduate/degrees/information-library-science/dual-degrees/index.html>