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# School of Informatics and Computing

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## Graduate

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### Master of Public Affairs & Master of Library Science

The [Master of Library Science](#) trains you to find, organize, and share information in meaningful ways. The [Master of Public Affairs](#) from IU's School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) teaches you to address societal issues. Together, these degrees prepare you to use information to present solutions to complex problems.

You might apply these skills in an academic library, for the government, at a nonprofit, or for a number of other employers. Wherever you go, you've come to the right place: U.S. News & World Report ranked our graduate programs eighth in the nation and ranked SPEA's M.P.A. second.

You'll also earn two degrees in fewer credit hours—and less time—than it would take to earn them separately.

### How to Apply

You must apply for admission to—and meet the admission requirements for—both programs. See our program's information for [domestic students](#) and [international students](#).

### Requirements (Minimum of 66 Credit Hours)

#### M.L.S. Foundation Requirements (18 cr.)

[MLS digital literacy requirement.](#)

Complete one course from each of the foundation areas below.

Approach professional issues with understanding (3 cr.)

- Z510 Introduction to Information Studies: Must be fulfilled before you complete 18 credit hours

Assist and educate users, and develop and manage collections of information resources (3 cr.)

- Z501 User Services and Tools

Represent and organize information resources (3 cr.)

- Z503 Representation and Organization

Manage and lead libraries and other information organizations (3 cr.)

- Z551 Library Management
- Z552 Academic Library Management
- Z553 Public Library Management
- Z671 School Media

Use research effectively (3 cr.)

- Z505 Evaluation of Resources and Services
- Z506 Introduction to Research: Z501 and Z502 are prerequisites.

Deploy information technologies in effective and innovative ways (3 cr.): Courses in this list that are also M.I.S. requirements can count for both requirements.

- Z511 Database Design
- Z512 Information Systems Design
- Z516 Human Computer Interaction
- Z517 Web Programming
- Z532 Information Architecture for the Web
- Z534 Information Retrieval
- Z554 Library Systems
- Z556 Systems Analysis and Design
- Z634 Metadata
- Z636 Semantic Web
- Z637 Information Visualization
- Z652 Digital Libraries
- Z656 Information Technology Standardization
- Z661 Concepts and Contemporary Issues in Human-Computer Interaction

## M.L.S. Electives (12 cr.)

Choose from information and library science courses.

## M.P.A. Requirements (36 cr.)

Contact [SPEA](#) for information about the M.P.A. requirements.

## Graduation

You will graduate after you finish both degrees—the degrees must be awarded simultaneously.

## Tuition Rates

Different Indiana University schools charge different graduate tuition rates. For dual degrees, you will be coded in one of

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the two schools and pay that school's tuition rate. To switch to the other school's tuition rate, contact that department's recorder as you near the halfway point in your program.

## Professional Development

- [Government Documents Round Table of the American Libraries Association \(ALA\)](#)
  - [Government Information Division of the Special Libraries Association \(SLA\)](#)
  - [Law and Political Science Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries \(ACRL\)](#)
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## Pre-Fall 2013 Requirements

If you began the M.L.S. / M.P.A. before fall 2013, you have different requirements.

[See the requirements »](#)

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