AFRICAN STUDIES, MA AND LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE, MS

for the degrees of African Studies, MA and Library & Information Science, MS

This joint master's degree includes a program of language and area studies courses leading to an interdisciplinary Master of Arts degree in African Studies as well as a program of study leading to the Master of Science in Library and Information Science. The joint degree matches area expertise with professional education, and prepares students for professional careers in all types of information organizations, including libraries.

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Thesis Option

Code	Title	Hours	
IS 505	Information Organization and Access	4	
IS 510	Libraries, Information and Society	4	
IS 530	Collection Development	4	
IS 590	Advanced Topics in Information Foundations	1 to 4	
LIS elective courses selected in consultation with an advisor who 12-1 is a member of the iSchool faculty. (IS 591, 2 hours and IS 592, up to 4 hours, may be included)			
AFST 522	Development of African Studies	4	
African language proficiency at level of 6 semesters of course work (includes Arabic) NOTE: Hours for language can't be applied toward degree requirements, but is included in the calculation of the GPA.			
Elective courses from the approved African Studies course list selected in consultation with an advisor who is a member of the African Studies faculty (coursework must be from 3 different disciplines; 8 hours must be at the 500-level, excluding AFST 550 and AFST 599; Maximum 4 hours of AFST 550 may be used) Electives and thesis must total at least 24 hours.			
AFST 599	Thesis Research	8	
Total Hours		56	
Other Requirements			
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Minimum GPA: 3.25

Non-Thesis Option

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IS 505	Information Organization and Access	4
IS 510	Libraries, Information and Society	4
IS 530	Collection Development	4
IS 590	Advanced Topics in Information Foundations	1 to 4

LIS elective courses selected in consultation with an advisor who 12-14 is a member of the iSchool faculty. (IS 591, 2 hours and IS 592, up to 4 hours, may be included)

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