The **MLIS** degree at the University of Maryland’s College of Information Studies (iSchool) prepares graduates to be socially engaged and technologically focused information professionals, ready to create, educate, and innovate.

The iSchool is a leader in the field of library and information science education, offering prominent programs of study in Archives and Digital Curation, School Libraries, Legal Informatics, Youth Experience, Intelligence and Analytics, and Diversity and Inclusion. Students are able to attain their degrees online, in-person, or through a hybrid approach.

With the iSchool’s unique location just outside Washington DC, MLIS students and graduates have unparalleled opportunities to work with government agencies, non-profits, international organizations, and a fantastic range of world-renowned libraries, museums, and archives.

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**Career Paths**

- Librarian
- Archivist
- Business Resource Center Coordinator
- Cataloger
- Competitive Intelligence Analyst
- Records Manager
- Digital Asset Manager
- Information Governance Manager
- Information Literacy Instructor
- Electronic Resources Manager
- Instruction and Outreach Specialist
- Professional Researcher

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Learning objectives of the MLIS program

Each graduate of the MLIS Program of the University of Maryland will be prepared to:

- Lead and manage information institutions and adapt to continually changing social, cultural, technological, and economic contexts
- Advocate for the needs of information institutions, their users, and their communities, as well as the needs of creators of information
- Develop and implement theories and best practices of information at all stages of the information cycle, from creation to evaluation, and dissemination to access
- Apply user-focused strategies to work inclusively and equitably with diverse populations
- Solve community-based problems related to information

- Promote information literacy and technology literacy by educating users about programs, systems, and technologies related to information behavior
- Contribute new approaches, ideas, and innovations in the field

Specializations

- Archives & Digital Curation
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Intelligence & Analytics
- Legal Informatics
- School Library
- Youth Experience (YX)
- Individualized Program Plan

Dual Degree

- History & Library Science (HiLS)

Rankings

MLIS

- Ranked #8 in the USA for overall Best Library and Information Studies Degree Programs - US News & World Report
- Ranked #2 in the USA for Best Online Masters of Library and Information Science Degree Programs. - TheBestSchools.org

Specializations

- #5 Archives & Preservation
- #8 Digital Librarianship
- #5 School Library Media
- #5 Services for Children & Youth - US News & World Report

Fast Facts

- Our average time to degree completion is 2.22 years (based on data from 2014-2018)
- Our retention rate after 2 years is 96.3% (based on our Fall 2016 cohort)
- Of the graduates who were awarded a degree in 2018, 95.8% are employed, and 91.3% of those employed are employed full-time