Doctoral Studies in Library and Information Science

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Library and Information Science (LIS) provides a rigorous academic foundation for students seeking theoretical and research skills for scholarly and professional leadership in the library and information fields. LIS offers concentrations in Information Science (focusing on information behavior and systematic responses to it) and Library Science (which concentrates on digital as well as physical libraries and information centers as part of a diverse global information environment). Although the interdisciplinary nature of the program is especially appropriate for those whose interests also link to media studies or communication, students with a more traditional disciplinary focus in LIS will also find this program provides strong doctoral training. The department houses several centers that provide various opportunities for Ph.D. students: Center for Interdisciplinary Studies in Information Privacy and Security, Knowledge Institute, and the Center for International Scholarship in School Libraries.

Did You Know…

- Graduate program overall is ranked #6 in the nation and #1 in School Libraries (US News & World Report).
- Internationally recognized faculty members have authored nearly 40 scholarly books; are current/former editors of Encyclopedia of Communication & Information and Information Processing & Management; and have received numerous professional awards from AAAS, ASIS&T, and the National Academy of Engineers.
- Faculty have secured nearly 20 million dollars in grant funding in recent years, regularly bringing in over a million dollars each year from funders such as NSF, IEEE, IMLS and others.
- Doctoral students include ALA Spectrum Fellows, Rutgers Diversity Fellows, and Fulbright scholars. Our Ph.D. students are published in top journals and conference proceedings of major associations.
- Program graduates from LIS can be found in schools such as North Carolina, SUNY-Albany, Syracuse, Drexel, Marshall, and Michigan.
- Our close proximity to New York City and our location in central New Jersey makes us ideally suited for scholars exploring all types of libraries and information centers as well as evolving information technologies and their users.

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