

USC SCHOOL	Bovard College		
ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT			
GRADUATE PROGRAM	Master of Management in Library and Information Science		
POST CODE	1973		
TERM EFFECTIVE DATE	Spring 2026		

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A brief description of the graduate program.

USC's online Master of Management in Library and Information Science (MMLIS) offers a unique and relevant experience in the constantly evolving field of library and information science. The MMLIS allows students to explore leadership and management strategies to prepare them for high-level career paths while learning information science fundamentals.

At USC Bovard College, students develop skills, perspectives, and networks that empower them to deliver sustainable and equitable impact in technologically, socially, and culturally connected libraries and information organizations.

COMMON BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAM PATHWAYS

A list of common bachelor's degrees that undergraduate students pursue in advance of pursuing a progressive degree option with this graduate program. Some programs are restricted to certain majors while others are open to all students.

Open to all majors.

PREPARATORY UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

A list of courses at the undergraduate level that prepare students for the graduate program. Required coursework is listed first, followed by recommended courses. If not applicable, this section will be blank.

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Required or Recommended	Units
	NONE		

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES USED TO REDUCE GRADUATE LEVEL UNITS

A list of undergraduate level courses that may be used to reduce the number of graduate level units required for the graduate program. If there are none, that is specified instead.

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Units
	NONE	

CORE GRADUATE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (# units required)

A list of all required graduate courses for the graduate program. None of these courses may be used toward satisfying undergraduate degree requirements.

If special exceptions for any of these courses are made by the academic department, the course # is marked with an asterisk () and the exception is explained in the "Department Notes" section at the end of this course plan template.*

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Units
LIM 500	Foundations of Library and Information Science	3
LIM 502	User-Centered Collection Development	3
LIM 503	Information Organization and Description for User Engagement	3
LIM 504	Social Science Research Methods in Library and Information Science	3
LIM 509	Information Sources and Services	3
LIM 519	Leading Values-Driven Information Organizations	3
LIM 529	User Services and Community Engagement in Libraries	3
LIM 539	Project Management in Information Organizations	3
LIM 541	Archives and Digital Curation	3
LIM 549	Justice, Equity, and Ethics in Information Organizations	3
LIM 562	Transformative Technologies in Library and Information Science	3
LIM 598	Capstone in Library and Information Management	3

PRE-APPROVED ELECTIVE COURSEWORK

Elective coursework is approved at the discretion of the academic department. Note the following details about the total number and units required of elective coursework.

0	TOTAL ELECTIVE COURSES REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE
0	TOTAL ELECTIVE UNITS REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE

TOTAL UNIT COUNTS AND REQUIRED GRADUATE UNITS

36	TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE
0	TOTAL GRADUATE UNITS THAT MAY BE WAIVED (IF ANY)
36	MINIMUM NUMBER OF GRADUATE UNITS THAT MUST BE AT THE 500 LEVEL OR ABOVE

NOTES FROM THE DEPARTMENT

This section highlights any unique considerations, exceptions, or requirements for the graduate program. If a program has specific restrictions (courses, majors, etc.), they are detailed below.

- Students must complete all 36 units of the MMLIS program. This is because our program is streamlined and does not have any electives.
- You may take between one course (2 units) per term and four courses (8 units) per term.
- Our program is year-round and therefore you may start in either Spring, Summer, or Fall semester. Please contact pdp@bovardcollege.usc.edu for application dates and deadlines.
- Note that our academic calendar dates differ slightly from the traditional USC calendar.
- All coursework is taught online. There is a 90-minute live Zoom class each week as well as asynchronous work through Canvas.
- Because this program is taught fully online, we are unfortunately unable to accept students who require an F-1 visa.

Name of Authorizing Master's Program Dean**Date Approved**

Anthony Bailey

3/12/2026

Authorizing Dean's Title

Dean, USC Bovard College & Vice President for Global and Online Initiatives