

PRE-LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

St. Catherine University offers a dual-degree program for the Master of Library and Information Science for a limited number of undergraduate students. This program is available only to certain majors and contingent on students meeting MLIS admission requirements. This information can be found under the "Major Requirements" heading.

Qualifying students will complete their undergraduate major coursework in three years. In their fourth year, while still enrolled at the undergraduate level, students will begin taking MLIS courses while completing any remaining undergraduate requirements to earn their Bachelor's degree. In their fifth year, students will complete the MLIS program while enrolled as graduate students.

St. Catherine University offers the opportunity to apply a student's liberal arts education in the field of library and information science. This is a dual degree option for the MLIS degree for a limited number of St. Kate's students enrolled as bachelor's degree-seeking students in the following majors in the College for Women. The MLIS dual degree option is unavailable for students in the College for Adults.

Dual Degree (3+2) Applicants

To be considered for admission, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Junior status at St. Catherine University
- Declared major in one of the following:
 - **Communication Studies (p. 1)**
 - **Critical Studies of Race and Ethnicity**
 - **Economics**
 - **English**
 - **Gender and Women's Studies**
 - **History**
 - **Political Science**
 - **Public Policy**
 - **Sociology**
- An undergraduate cumulative grade-point average (G.P.A.) of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Applicants who have a cumulative G.P.A. lower than 3.0 should submit an explanatory statement with their application for consideration.

The curriculum listed below indicates the undergraduate coursework a student must complete by the end of their junior year.

Students who are admitted into the MLIS program will take **graduate level coursework in their senior year**, which will count towards both their undergraduate and graduate program requirements. Typically, students will be awarded their Bachelor's Degree at the end of their senior year. Students are encouraged to work with Academic Advising and the Financial Aid Office when planning for their senior year to ensure their eligibility for financial aid.

After completion of their Bachelor degree, students will complete any remaining graduate level courses to earn their Master of Library and

Information Science (MLIS) degree. See the end of this section for the list of courses taken in fifth year (p. 3).

Communication Studies

Students who do not gain entry into the MLIS program after their junior year will have satisfied the requirements for the Communication Studies major (<https://catalog.stkate.edu/undergraduate/humanities-arts-sciences/communication-studies/communication-studies-ba-bs/#majorrequirementstext>), but may need additional credits to earn a B.A. degree.

Code	Title	Credits
COMM 1000W	Communication Strategies for Social Justice	4
COMM 1030	Speaking to Lead and Influence	4
COMM 2050	Media, Culture and Society	4
COMM 3070W	Gender and Rhetoric	4
COMM 3100	Communicating across Cultures, Identities and Differences	4
COMM 4600	Leadership and the Art of Persuasion	4
COMM 4850	Senior Seminar	4
One additional 4000-level course		4
Total Credits		32

Critical Studies of Race & Ethnicity

Students who do not gain entry into the MLIS program after their junior year will have satisfied the requirements for the Critical Studies of Race and Ethnicity major (<https://catalog.stkate.edu/undergraduate/humanities-arts-sciences/critical-studies-race-ethnicity/ba/#majorrequirementstext>), but may need additional credits to earn a B.A. degree

Code	Title	Credits
CRST 2050W	Foundations of Critical Studies of Race and Ethnicity	4
CRST 3510	Sociology of Race and Ethnicity	4
CRST 4604	Internship	4
CRST 4850W	Senior Seminar	4
Four CRST Electives ¹		16
Total Credits		32

¹ For a full list of CRST electives, please see the Critical Studies of Race and Ethnicity catalog page (<https://catalog.stkate.edu/undergraduate/humanities-arts-sciences/critical-studies-race-ethnicity/ba/#majorrequirementstext>).

Economics

Students who do not gain entry into the MLIS program after their junior year complete the remaining course requirements for the B.S. in Economics (<https://catalog.stkate.edu/undergraduate/humanities-arts-sciences/econ-poli-sci/economics-ba-bs/#degreerequirementstext>)

Code	Title	Credits
ECON 1090	Statistical Analysis for Decision Making	4
Choose two of the following:		8
ECON 1120	Economics of Social Issues	
ECON 2610	Principles of Microeconomics	
ECON 2620	Principles of Macroeconomics	
Choose one of the following (can use the other as an elective in the choose 12 credits section):		4
ECON 3050	Quantitative Impact Evaluation: Applied Research Skills	
ECON 4150	Econometrics	
ECON 3610	Microeconomic Theory	4
ECON 3620	Macroeconomic Theory	4
Select one MATH/STAT in consultation with advisor (strong preference for Applied Calculus)		4
Three additional 3000- or 4000-level courses in economics, chosen with the help of an advisor		12
Total Credits		40

English

Students who do not gain entry into the MLIS program after their junior year complete the remaining course requirements for the B.A. in English (<https://catalog.stkate.edu/undergraduate/humanities-arts-sciences/literature-language-writing/english-ba/#majorrequirementstext>)

Code	Title	Credits
ENGL 1450	Introduction to Linguistics and Language	4
ENGL 3202	Literary Theory and Practice	4
Five electives, at least two of which are 3000 or 4000 level		20
Total Credits		28

Gender and Women's Studies

Students who do not gain entry into the MLIS program after their junior year will have satisfied the requirements for the Gender and Women's Studies (<https://catalog.stkate.edu/undergraduate/humanities-arts-sciences/womens-studies/gender-womens-studies-ba-bs/#majorrequirementstext>) major, but may need additional credits to earn a B.A. degree

Code	Title	Credits
WOST 2050W	Foundations of Gender and Women's Studies	4
WOST 3640 or WOST 3900	Feminist Theory Feminist Philosophy	4
WOST 4604	Internship	4
WOST 4850W	Senior Seminar	4

Cross-Listed Courses¹

Choose one course with a global focus from:		4
WOST 3150	Women and Globalization	
WOST 3450	Women's Issues from Global Perspectives	
Or other 3000/4000-level WOST cross-listed course focused on global perspectives with permission of chair		
One WOST course cross-listed in arts or humanities		4
One WOST course cross-listed in social sciences or sciences		4

One elective cross-listed with any department and WOST	4
Total Credits	32

¹ A list of eligible electives may be found on the Gender and Women's Studies catalog page (<https://catalog.stkate.edu/undergraduate/humanities-arts-sciences/womens-studies/gender-womens-studies-ba-bs/#majorrequirementstext>). One elective course must also be cross-listed with Critical Studies of Race and Ethnicity.

History

Students who do not gain entry into the MLIS program after their junior year will have satisfied the requirements for the History major (<https://catalog.stkate.edu/undergraduate/humanities-arts-sciences/history-intl-studies/history-ba/#majorrequirementstext>), but may need additional credits to earn a B.A. degree

Code	Title	Credits
Four history courses, 1000-level or above		16
Three history courses, 3000-level or above		12
HIST 4850W	Senior Seminar: Humanities Capstone	4
Total Credits		32

Political Science

Students who do not gain entry into the MLIS program after their junior year complete the remaining course requirements for the B.S. in Political Science (<https://catalog.stkate.edu/undergraduate/humanities-arts-sciences/econ-poli-sci/political-science-ba/#majorrequirementstext>).

Code	Title	Credits
POSC 1710W	Introduction to American Government and Policy	4
POSC 2200W	Introduction to Comparative Politics	4
POSC 2250	Introduction to World Politics	4
ECON 1090 or SOCI 2200	Statistical Analysis for Decision Making People, Stories and Images: Qualitative Social Research	4

20 upper-division (3XXX or 4XXX level) credits in political science to be determined by the student and advisor (usually five 4-credit classes)

Total Credits	36
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Public Policy

Students who do not gain entry into the MLIS program after their junior year will have satisfied the requirements for the Public Policy major (<https://catalog.stkate.edu/undergraduate/humanities-arts-sciences/econ-poli-sci/publicpolicy-ba-bs/#majorrequirementstext>), but may need additional credits to earn a B.S. degree.

Code	Title	Credits
ECON 1120	Economics of Social Issues	4
ECON 2610	Principles of Microeconomics	4
ECON 3050	Quantitative Impact Evaluation: Applied Research Skills	4
ECON 3650	Cost-Benefit Analysis	4

POSC 1710W	Introduction to American Government and Policy	4
POSC 3070	Public Policy	4
Select three of the following (at least two must be at the 3000 level)		12
Any POSC course		
Any ECON course		
NPSO 2100	Intro to the Nonprofit Sector	
NPSO 3050	Financial Management for Nonprofit Organizations	
NPSO 4300	Development and Fundraising for Social Service Organizations	
SOCI 2150	Challenging Oppressions, Civic Engagement and Change	
SOCI 2700	Social Movements-Social Change	
SOCI 3160	Migration, Citizenship, Community	
SOCI 3210	Family, Identity and Inequality	
SOCI 3340	Criminal Justice: From Policing to Punishment	
SOCI 3860	Neighborhoods, Cities and Inequality	
SOWK 2810	Introduction to Social Work	
SOWK 3910	Social Policy for Social Change	
Total Credits		36

Sociology Courses

Students who do not gain entry into the MLIS program after their junior year will have satisfied the requirements for the Sociology major (<https://catalog.stkate.edu/undergraduate/humanities-arts-sciences/sociology/ba/#majorrequirements>), but may need additional credits to earn a B.A. degree.

Code	Title	Credits
SOCI 1000	Principles and Concepts of Sociology	4
SOCI 3700W	Sociology in Action: Understanding Social Worlds	4
SOCI 4604	Internship	4
Select five additional courses in sociology		20
Total Credits		32

GRADUATE COURSES TAKEN DURING SENIOR YEAR

Code	Title	Credits
LIS 7010	Introduction to Library and Information Science	3
LIS 7030	Organization of Knowledge	3
LIS 7040	Information Access Services	3
LIS 7050	Research Methods for Library Information Science	3
Select two LIS electives		6
Total Credits		18

GRADUATE COURSES TAKEN AFTER COMPLETION OF BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Code	Title	Credits
LIS 7700	Management of Libraries and Information Centers	3
LIS 8900	ePortfolio	0
Technology course requirement - select one from technology designated courses		3
LIS Electives		12
Total Credits		18