
THE SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND
INFORMATION STUDIES

AT
THE ATLANTA UNIVERSITY

The School of Library and Information Studies

The School of Library and Information Studies, established as the School of Library Service in 1941, offers courses leading to the Master of Science in Library Service and Specialist in Library Service degrees. The program of the School is accredited by the American Library Association and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Faculty members, alumni and students of the School are active in professional associations at the local, state, regional, and national levels.

The current name of the School, approved by the Board of Trustees of The Atlanta University in 1979, reflects the School's emphasis on the development of theoretical and practical skills required for effective manual or automated manipulation of recorded information.

The principal goals of the School are:

1. to provide basic knowledge of a broad spectrum of print and non-print materials which are utilized in libraries and information agencies to meet the changing cultural and informational needs of society;
2. to provide knowledge pertaining to the fundamental elements of libraries and information agencies relative to their missions, functions, organization, management, operations and services in the transfer and dissemination of information;
3. to provide a knowledge of and response to the impact of social, political, educational, economic and technological developments in society on library and information needs and services for various segments of the population;
4. to create an awareness of the importance of professional development through continuing education in library and information science and in related disciplines, through participation in professional and learned societies and through research and publication.

Admission

Admission to the School of Library and Information Studies is based on academic records and personal qualities which indicate that the applicant will succeed as a professional librarian.

For the Master of Science in Library Service a broad background of liberal arts courses and a minimum undergraduate grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale are required. Students deficient in basic requirements for admission to the School may be considered for conditional admission.

For the Specialist in Library Service, a master's degree in library service from a library school with a program accredited by the American Library Association and an undergraduate academic average of B or better are required. Additional requirements for school librarians or media specialists include an acceptable score on the National Teachers Examination and state certification as a professional school librarian. Recommendations of library school faculty members who are acquainted with the applicant's ability must be submitted.

Application for admission to the University may be submitted at any time, but should be presented at least one month before the opening of the semester or summer session during which the applicant intends to enroll. Application for admission must be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of \$15.00. The applicant must also send to the University a complete official transcript of college and graduate work done. Students may enter the University three times during the year: in September, January or June, according to the University calendar.

The Atlanta University admits handicapped students and students of any race, color, sex, national or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

Course of Study

The course of study in the School of Library and Information Studies consists of four components:

1. foundation courses which are broadly cultural and informational,
2. materials courses,
3. library administration courses,
4. courses dealing with general library techniques.

Students may select one of four areas of specialization: academic, public, school, and special library service. All students, regardless of their areas of specialization, are required to take basic core courses to assure the acquisition of knowledge and the development of competencies which are common to all types of library service. Students may elect courses in other Schools and Departments of the University which are related to their areas of specialization and career goals.

Financial Assistance

The School of Library and Information Studies awards several full and partial tuition scholarships annually. In addition, fellowships supported by philanthropic foundations and federal government grants may be available to students in the School.

Assistantships with monthly stipends are available in the University Library and the School of Library and Information Studies.

Part-time employment is available in various types of libraries in the Atlanta area such as the academic libraries in the Atlanta University Center, the Atlanta Public Library and special libraries.

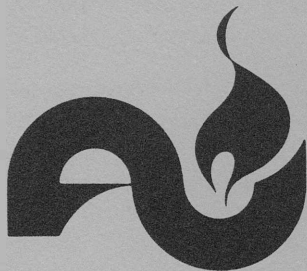
Placement

The School maintains a placement service for its graduates, aiding them in securing their first positions and in advancing to other positions throughout their professional careers. While the School cannot guarantee positions, the demand for well-qualified librarians is such that graduates are reasonably certain of obtaining desirable positions.

The Atlanta University

The history of The Atlanta University began immediately after the end of the Civil War with classes held in a church and a railroad boxcar. Today, the catalog of the University lists five graduate schools: Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Education, Library and Information Studies and Social Work. From the University's humble beginnings to its present status in the mainstream of American education, there have been such principles as the following in action: the institution is nonsectarian and independent; its goal has been complete education for a productive life, with faculty and officials representative of the highest in scholarship and character; it has been open to students of any race or creed, with emphasis on human equality; it has always been able to change, responsibly, in answer to developing demands of the times.

The Atlanta University is a part of the largest, private, predominantly black, higher education complex in the world, The Atlanta University Center. All schools in the Center are within walking distance of each other. Each institution is organized independently and has its own administration; but, through affiliation, duplication of effort is eliminated and facilities of all member institutions are available to every student.



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