

# Mayville State University

## Pre-Professional Program

### Library Program

Nationally, *professional* librarians are recognized as such at the master's degree level. However, there are many library jobs that do not require an advanced degree. For example, North Dakota's K-12 school librarians are required to obtain a library credential through the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction after completing specific undergraduate coursework. Public libraries, especially those in smaller communities, also tend not to require their library directors to hold master's degrees. Larger public and academic libraries employ both professional librarians with master's degrees and support staff who require less education. There are also corporate and other special librarians with various backgrounds and credentials.

Library Science graduate programs do not require specific coursework or undergraduate degrees for admission. Therefore, students should consider the type of library work they plan to perform, or the type of library in which they would like to seek employment. The list below offers undergraduate degree recommendations depending on the type of library in which a student would like to work. For individualized career paths, students should visit with library faculty.

#### Library Media & Information Science Minor

(All LMIS courses are offered online.)

LMIS 250 Intro. to Libraries/Info Science*	3
LMIS/ENGL 317 Children's Literature	3
OR	
LMIS/ENGL 350 Young Adult Lit. and Media	3
LMIS 360 Media Collection Develop.*	3
LMIS 365 The Organization of Info.*	3
LMIS 370 Ref. Sources and Services*	3
LMIS 430 Admin. of the School Lib. Media Center*	3
LMIS 445 Standards for Effective Libraries	3
LMIS 470 Current Issues in Info. Science	3

\* Five core courses required for LM03 Credential.

Total 24

#### Suggested MSU Undergraduate Degree (a minor in Library Science is required with each)

<i>Academic Librarian</i>
BA or BS in subject field of interest
<i>Law Librarian</i>
BA in Social Science
<i>Medical Librarian</i>
BS in Biology or Health
<i>Public or Corporate Librarian</i>
BS in Business Administration
<i>School Librarian</i>
BS in Education

MSU students in the library science minor program have the opportunity to work and/or intern in the Byrnes-Quanbeck Library. Library minor coursework focuses on the technical and practical skills necessary for working in or operating a library of any size. The courses build a strong foundation for the library science theoretical understanding attained through graduate degree programs.

After graduating from Mayville State University, students interested in pursuing a Master's degree in Library Science should look for graduate programs accredited by the American Library Association (ALA). Many professional library positions require an ALA-Accredited Master's Degree. A list of accredited programs is available on ALA's website at [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org). Each school's library program establishes their own admission requirements; however, most require an undergraduate minimum 3.0 Grade Point Average and a Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score.

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