

COMMAND THE WORLD OF INFORMATION

Ph.D. in Information Studies Palmer School of Library and Information Science

THE WORLD AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

The Doctor of Philosophy in Information Studies – the only program of its kind in the New York metropolitan area – prepares individuals to assume leadership positions in research, teaching and professional practice. Graduates of the program contribute to theoretical and operational research in existing and new fields, and are equipped to fill the need for information managers, researchers and faculty members in the broad, interdisciplinary field of information studies.

Taught by faculty of the prestigious Palmer School of Library and Information Science, the 60-credit Ph.D. in Information Studies utilizes a strong interdisciplinary approach because solutions to the problems of organizing, storing and retrieving vast amounts of information require the combined knowledge of computer scientists, management specialists, educators, psychologists, librarians and others. Approximately 15 students from across the United States are admitted each year; current students in the program hold advanced degrees in 17 different disciplines, such as business administration, education, health care and health administration, computer science, law, public safety and law enforcement, library and information science, and liberal arts and sciences.

TWO AREAS OF STUDY

This program offers two main areas of study – **Information Access and Systems** and **Information Studies and Services** – and includes research into such subjects as human-computer interaction, systems analysis and design, information policy, and information and society. The program is structured to accommodate part-time students who are already working in the information field or in related professions. The two main knowledge areas are composed of the following courses:

Information Access and Systems

Principles of information organization and retrieval well as the information systems that support both activities.

- Knowledge Organization
- Information Retrieval
- Information Systems
- Human-Computer Interaction

Information Studies and Services

The relationship of information technologies to individuals, organizations, and society in general.

- Information and Society
- Information Policy
- Information Services
- Organization Information Management

PROGRAM GOALS

Current and emerging information technologies present both challenges and opportunities. Realizing the benefits of information technologies requires individuals who can:

- Represent information and organize knowledge for efficient, timely access and effective use
- Design, test and evaluate information retrieval systems and methodologies
- Improve human-computer interaction as the basis for designing ever more usable, effective information systems and environments
- Investigate and understand information needs and information-seeking behaviors of individuals, groups and organizations in a variety of task and technology environments, including the Web
- Determine the effectiveness, relevance and evolution of societies' information provision agencies and organizations such as libraries, museums, publishers and the media
- Analyze information policy and ethics in national and international contexts

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PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The Ph.D. program requires 48 credits of coursework, plus a minimum of 12 credits of dissertation research. A minimum of 6 credits of coursework must be taken in each of the first two semesters of study. The remaining 36 credits of coursework may be completed at an individual pace. In addition to the coursework, students must successfully pass a comprehensive examination, defend a dissertation proposal and, upon completion of the approved research, defend the dissertation. A typical program is as follows:

- Courses (48 credits)
 - First-year required introductory seminars (12 credits)
 - Advanced doctoral seminars (18-27 credits)
 - Co-related discipline (9 credits)
 - Upper-level Palmer School master's courses or doctoral independent studies (0-9 credits)
- Comprehensive Examination
- Dissertation Research (12 credits)

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Incoming students are admitted to the Ph.D. in Information Studies at LIU Post in the fall semester only, with a maximum of 20 students accepted. Applicants must hold a master's degree in any discipline. Work experience is an asset but is not required. The program is structured to accommodate those who are already working in the information field or in related professions.

Admission decisions will be based on the following factors: academic proficiency, professional accomplishments, proposed intellectual focus, and potential for completing a rigorous program. An interview with the faculty also is required. Applicants whose master's degrees are not from English-language institutions must provide proof of a TOEFL examination score of 600 or more.

The deadline for receipt of completed application forms is March 15. All of the following application materials must be received by the deadline date:

- The LIU Online Application for Admission
- Application fee: \$40 (non-refundable)
- Official transcripts for all undergraduate and graduate coursework
- Three letters of recommendation
- Personal Statement that addresses the reason you are interested in pursuing graduate work in this area of study
- A statement of research/inquiry outlining the reasons for pursuing a doctoral degree, and a description of the proposed area of study and research
- A writing sample of a published work or other scholarly writing
- A full curriculum vitae/resume

Send Application Materials to:

Graduate Admissions Processing Center
LIU Post
P.O. Box 805
Randolph, MA 02368-0805

For more information about admission requirements or the application process, please contact the Graduate Admissions Office at 516-299-2900 or e-mail carol.zerah@liu.edu. For information about other aspects of the Ph.D. program, please contact Dr. Gregory S. Hunter, Director of the Ph.D. in Information Studies, at 516-299-2171 or e-mail ghunter@liu.edu.

PALMER SCHOOL GRADUATE PROGRAMS

- M.S. in Library and Information Science
- M.S. in Library and Information Science with Specialization in School Library Media (Blended Learning Format)
- M.S. Library and Information Science with Specialization in Rare Books and Special Collections
- Dual Master's (M.A. and M.S.L.I.S.) with New York University
- Advanced Certificate in Archives and Records Management
- Advanced Certificate in Public Library Administration
- Ph.D. in Information Studies

ABOUT LIU

In its ninth decade of providing access to the American dream through excellence in higher education, LIU is a multicampus, diverse, doctoral institution of higher learning. One of the largest and most comprehensive private universities in the country, the University offers more than 575 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degree programs and certificates, and educates over 24,000* students in degree-credit and continuing education programs in Brooklyn, Brookville (LIU Post), Brentwood, Riverhead, and Rockland and Westchester (LIU Hudson). Other academic units include LIU Pharmacy (the Arnold & Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences), which prepares students for successful careers in the fields of pharmacy and health care; LIU Global, which provides a wide range of study abroad options at overseas centers in China, Costa Rica and India, and through programs in Australia, Ecuador, Peru, Taiwan, Thailand and Turkey; and LIU Online, which harnesses the latest technology to offer online and blended programs.

LIU's 630 full-time faculty members provide outstanding instruction, which is supplemented by internships and cooperative education opportunities. The accomplishments of more than 186,000 living alumni are a testament to the success of its mission – providing the highest level of education to people from all walks of life. The institution also provides enrichment for students and the community through the world-class arts programming at LIU Tilles Center, NCAA Division I and II athletic teams and the nationally renowned George Polk Awards in journalism.

*This number includes high school students enrolled in one or more degree-credit courses.

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programs of excellence with small classes in business, education, computer science, public service, health professions and nursing, information studies, visual and performing arts, and liberal arts and sciences. The wooded suburban campus, only 20 miles from New York City, is home to the renowned Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, Hillwood Art Museum and WCWP-FM. LIU Post offers the Ph.D. in Information Studies, the Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology and the Ed.D. in Interdisciplinary Educational Studies. The Campus also provides an array of health and fitness resources, including the ultra-modern Pratt Recreation Center.



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