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Master of Library Science
online master of library science

Would you like to serve your community as an expert in how information is delivered to a global, technological society? Do you want to make a difference while you make a living?

If so, become a student at East Carolina University and begin preparing for a bright tomorrow as a professional in the field of library science.

Through ECU’s Department of Library Science in the College of Education, you can earn a master of library science (MLS) degree completely online. Since 1939, the library science program at East Carolina University has prepared librarians and school media coordinators to meet the informational and educational needs of their communities, especially rural and underserved populations in eastern North Carolina. Today, our high-tech/high-touch program emphasizes classical librarianship in combination with current technologies to provide a Web-based course of study. Our program is especially attuned to the needs of nontraditional students seeking to become school media coordinators or public librarians.

The school media coordinator pathway leads to North Carolina licensure and is approved by the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). The public library pathway leads to the North Carolina Public Library Certification.

The Department of Library Science at East Carolina University has been granted precandidacy status by the Committee on Accreditation of the American Library Association. Precandidacy status is an indication that the Department of Library Science at East Carolina University has voluntarily committed to participate in the ALA accreditation process and is actively seeking accreditation. Precandidacy does not indicate that the program is accredited nor does it guarantee eventual accreditation of the program by ALA.

In the MLS program at East Carolina University, you will find faculty and staff with the knowledge and experience to help you realize your professional goals. Our distinguished professionals consult with libraries and school media centers throughout the country and engage in a wide range of research, service, and leadership. Areas of research include evaluating school media programs, public library and school media center collaboration, services to immigrants and minorities, virtual reality, library history, storytelling, performance measurement in academic libraries, evaluation of and competition for information services, resiliency education, and school librarians’ role in dropout prevention, and literature for youth. Faculty members have won numerous teaching, research, and service awards.

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As the largest professional school for teacher education in the state, ECU’s College of Education is committed to serving students who may have difficulty in attending classes on campus. Many who are enrolled in the program are nontraditional students who seek to move into a career filled with experiences centering on having a positive effect on their communities’ learning future. As such, North Carolina residents and out-of-state students may enroll in this 100-percent-online MLS program. As an ECU student, you will enjoy the benefits of earning your degree from the leading distance education provider in North Carolina.

Student support

In addition to its faculty and staff, East Carolina’s library science program has an array of support services for students, including help for technical questions and a full-time student services manager. ECU’s J. Y. Joyner Library offers a wealth of online resources at www.lib.ecu.edu. The university’s Division of Continuing Studies also provides a full range of student assistance.

Variety of opportunities

As a student in the master of library science program at ECU, you are advancing your education and your career possibilities. You can specialize your professional preparation for work in public or school library environments. If you are a service-oriented, intellectually and technically curious person, you will find great benefits as a student in the MLS program.

With an MLS degree, you can be a librarian (focusing on cataloging and technical services, children and young adult services, reference, public services, information literacy, or school media), a library administrator, an information specialist, a subject/special interest researcher, a museum services provider, or an electronic/online information specialist/researcher.

To apply

Admission requirements and application procedures can be found at www.ecu.edu/gradschool.

Additional information

About the MLS program: www.ecu.edu/educ/lib
ECU College of Education: www.ecu.edu/educ
Distance Education at East Carolina: www.ecu.edu/options
Office of Financial Aid: www.ecu.edu/financial

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