BACHELOR’S DEGREE(S)!

Undergraduate work at the School of Information!
Do you need a Master’s Degree?

- To be a Librarian, you need a Master’s Degree. It is a professional degree, and we are accredited by the ALA.

- However, there are positions in a library, such as Pages, Assistants, Technicians, or Associates, who are not Librarians. These positions do not require a Master’s Degree, although some prefer a Bachelor’s.

- To get to a Master’s Degree, you need a Bachelor’s Degree first!
We offer three undergraduate degrees at the School of Information!

- **Information Science and eSociety (eSociety) (BA)**
- **Information Science and the Arts (BA)**
- **Information Science and Technology (BS)**
Do you need an undergraduate degree from us to apply to the Master’s Program?

- No! You need a Bachelor’s and a 3.0 GPA
- If you want to specialize in a certain area, such as history or law or education, it can be helpful to get a Bachelor’s Degree in that area.
- We also offer an Undergraduate minor in Library and Information Sciences.
- However, our Bachelors’ degrees do have some overlap with the LIS MA, as they focus on information: how information is created, maintained, stored, analyzed, and shared online.
We also offer an Accelerated Masters Program, or AMP

- This enables students to simultaneously earn a degree in Information Science and eSociety, as they begin to earn Master’s credit

- Essentially, your last year of your undergraduate degree is also your first year of your graduate degree.

- You can “double-dip” four graduate classes towards your undergraduate degree – Accelerated Masters students are the only ones who can do this!

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Requirements to apply to AMP program

**Apply to UA**
- Details [here](#)
- Complete “Next Steps” center
- Attend orientation
- Meet with advisor

**Earn 90 units**
- Earn 90 units or Senior Standing
- Earn a 3.3 GPA at the U OF A.
- Apply to AMP

**AMP**
- Take graduate and undergraduate courses
- Graduate with BA

**LIS MA**
- Take all LIS MA courses
- Graduate with Master’s!
Remember: there are a lot of paths to LIS MA!

You can take some graduate courses as an undergraduate (if you are a Senior with a 3.0 GPA), even if you don’t do the AMP.

Both the undergraduate eSociety BA and the LIS MA are offered fully online through UA Online.
IN FACT, **AZLA MEMBERS GET A 10% DISCOUNT ON UAONLINE TUITION FOR THE LIS MA MASTER’S PROGRAM**
What if I previously attended the University of Arizona and didn’t do so well?

- There is a program called **Second Start**, which if you’ve been gone more than three years, gives you the option to completely reset your GPA with your first 12 units back.

- Even if you left on probation or were dismissed, if you’ve completed at least 24 units with a 3.0 or close to a 3.0 GPA elsewhere, you can apply for **readmission**, even without Second Start.
Transfer credit!

- The U of A will accept up to 64 units of transfer credit from a community college (slightly over half of a four-year degree).

- That means even with an Associate’s degree from a Community College, it will be at least two years of full-time attendance to complete a Bachelor’s. Full-time attendance for the purposes of financial aid is 12 units or four classes a semester. The recommended full-time course load to complete your degree in a timely fashion, however, is 5 classes a semester.

- The University of Arizona also requires 42 units (about 14 classes) of Upper Division credit (courses greater than 300 level), which cannot be earned at a community college. Transfer students from community colleges should carefully plan their Upper Division credit with their advisor.

- If you have University-level credit, or you’ve already earned a Bachelor’s degree, you still need at least 30 unique units (about 10 classes) to earn another degree and satisfy the residency requirement.
Transfer credit!

- Arizona students: Transferring with an AGEC means all your general education requirements transfer in a block to ANY state school! This means you can focus on your major and minor only at the University!

- California offers the IGETC which serves a similar focus.

- One area not covered: Our eSociety BA (and all BA degrees at UA) requires fourth semester of a foreign language (or proficiency), so start language before you transfer! BS (Bachelor of Science) degrees require second semester (or proficiency).
Transfer students!

- Should get connected with the Transfer Student Center
- Can consult Transfer Articulation if they have questions about transfer credit
Financial aid!

- Priority deadline for the FAFSA (Free application for Financial Aid) is March 1\textsuperscript{st}!
- The FAFSA becomes available each year October 1\textsuperscript{st}.
- Contact Scholarships and Financial Aid at the University for assistance. Financial aid is dispersed through your UAccess Student Portal once you are a student. Check your “To do” list in UAccess to stay on top of things!
- There are transfer student scholarships available for transfer students in Fall semester.
- Once you are a student with a NetID, take advantage of Scholarship Universe, which connects you with scholarships inside and outside of the Universe
- SBS (our college) has some specific scholarships, including the Magellan Circle Scholarship
Deadlines

- Stay on top of admissions and financial aid deadlines – a last minute rush to register is generally always a bad sign.

- Financial aid:
  - October 1\textsuperscript{st} – FAFSA available
  - March 1\textsuperscript{st} – Priority deadline for U of A
Admissions

- **Freshman**
  - Spring 2018: Closed!
  - Summer 2018: May 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2018
  - Fall 2018: May 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2018

- **Transfer**
  - Spring 2018: Closed!
  - Summer 2018: May 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2018
  - Fall 2018: June 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2018
WANT TO MEET WITH THE Undergraduate Academic Advisor?

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- Click on ‘Login without a netid account’.
WANT TO MEET WITH THE Undergraduate Academic Advisor?

- Make the following selections and click ‘Go’.

*Welcome to Wise Advising!*

Welcome [REDACTED]. You have **No appointments** currently scheduled.

**Department and Advisors from my recent appointments:**

No Recent Appointments on Record

**Need an advising appointment? Select the college and department and click Go:**

**STEP 1:** Select your college: 
College of Social and Behavioral Sciences  
**STEP 2:** Select your department: 
School of Information  
**Go**
Find **Laura Owen’s** schedule (Bruce Fulton is the **graduate advisor**), and a time that works for you!

- You can also email her directly at [lauraowen@email.arizona.edu](mailto:lauraowen@email.arizona.edu)
- Accepted Transfer students will meet with an advisor at Transfer Orientation!