

Appendix A – M.A. LIS Competencies

The UA School of Information has identified the following competencies as necessary for M.A. LIS students to begin successful careers in the information professions.

A. Foundational Understandings and Abilities

A1) Students will demonstrate understanding of basic principles, concepts, and terminology related to the creation, organization, management, access, and use of knowledge and information and will demonstrate the ability to apply them to practical problems.

A2) Students will demonstrate understanding of the nature of research, research methods and the role of research in library and information science and additionally, demonstrate the ability to apply research findings to practical problems.

A3) Students will demonstrate understanding of the use of information and communication technologies including social aspects of information in providing information resources and services in libraries and other information environments.

B. Disciplinary Knowledge and its Application

B4) Students will demonstrate knowledge of the principles of organization and representation of knowledge and their application to library and information collections and services in their areas of career interest.

B5) Students will demonstrate knowledge of types of library and information professions, settings, services, and roles and be able to analyze key issues and potential approaches to these in the areas of their career interest.

B6) Students will demonstrate knowledge of the management of information resources, services and organizations and apply this knowledge to their areas of career interest.

B7) Students will demonstrate knowledge of the roles of interdisciplinary, interprofessional, and community collaboration and alliances in the provision of library and information services.

C. Ethics and Values in Library and Information Science

C8) Students will demonstrate an understanding of how diversity contributes to the library and information professions and analyze information issues from diverse perspectives.

C9) Students will demonstrate an understanding of the values and service orientation of the library and information professions and their applications in their areas of career interest.

C10) Students will demonstrate the ability to recognize and analyze ethical issues and dilemmas in library and information settings and propose reasoned courses of action.