The School of Information Sciences, the iSchool at Illinois, fosters a human-centered understanding of the design and management of information systems and services. Our dynamic community is home to world-class faculty, outstanding students, top-tier research, and academic programs consistently ranked highly by U.S. News & World Report. Our mission is to advance in understanding the use of information in science, culture, society, commerce, and the diverse activities of our daily lives.

**Degree programs**

- BS in Information Sciences (BS/IS)
- MS in Library and Information Science (MS/LIS)
- MS in Information Management (MS/IM)
- MS in Bioinformatics (Information Sciences Concentration)
- PhD in Information Sciences
- School Librarian Licensure
- Certificate of Advanced Study
- Undergraduate Minor in Informatics

**Transformative learning experiences**

Students benefit from customized, high-touch programs and experiences that ensure academic and career success. Our strength lies in our multifaceted programs, research, and projects, which teach students to think critically and push the boundaries of creativity.

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**The Power of Information**

The iSchool educates leaders in the information sciences

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In the 2021 rankings of graduate schools in library and information studies by U.S. News & World Report, the iSchool earned the top position overall, a position we have held since 1996. We also ranked highly in several key areas of specialization.

**MS student outcomes***

- **88%** of graduates secure employment within 6 months of graduation
- **7%** of graduates pursue additional education
- **86%** of graduates secure employment within 6 months of graduation
- **4%** of graduates pursue additional education

*Based on graduate survey respondents*
Careers by degree program

**BS/IS**
- Database manager
- Information technology analyst
- Technology support specialist
- Market research analyst
- Product manager
- Web developer
- Information governance analyst

**MS/IM**
- Data analyst
- Information consultant
- User experience designer
- Software engineer
- Knowledge manager
- Cybersecurity analyst
- Project manager

**MS/LIS**
- Library director
- Archivist
- Information architect
- Children's librarian
- Information specialist
- Competitive intelligence analyst
- Academic librarian

**PhD**
- Data scientist
- Digital asset manager
- Assistant professor
- Digital scholarship librarian
- Research scientist
- Privacy researcher
- Research consultant

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**Interdisciplinary research**

Drawing on the resources of the University of Illinois, a preeminent public research university, as well as on collaborations with international scholars and corporate sector partners, our School's research addresses contemporary issues in areas as broad as science, business, education, and health care. Our researchers are awarded grants for their interdisciplinary research from a range of government agencies, foundations and corporations.

**Areas of expertise**
- Artificial intelligence and machine learning
- Computing for the social good
- Data curation and information modeling
- Data science and data analytics
- Digital libraries and digital humanities
- Health, medical, and bio-informatics
- Human computer interaction and user experience
- Information literacy
- Library practice and policy
- Natural language processing and computational linguistics
- Privacy, security, trust, and transparency
- Youth literature, culture, and services

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**Funders**
- The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
- Alfred P. Sloan Foundation
- Department of Homeland Security
- Google
- Institute of Museum and Library Services
- MacArthur Foundation
- NASA
- National Endowment for the Humanities
- National Institutes of Health
- National Science Foundation

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