

Dear Dual Library Science and Children's Literature Students:

Welcome to the Children's Literature and Library and Information Science dual degree program at the School of Library and Information Science. We look forward to working with you all in the upcoming semesters.

As you prepare to register for your first courses, we wanted to provide you with a little advice and remind you of some of the dual degree policies and program requirements that will inform your first course selections.

**"One Foot in Each Program" Policy:**

Students in the Children's Literature and Library and Information Science dual degree program must register for at least one course in each program (one course with a "CHL" prefix and one course with an "LIS" prefix) in each semester. Because CHL courses are either 2 or 4 credits and LIS courses are 3 credits, incoming full-time students typically register for one 4-credit CHL course or one or two 2-credit CHL courses and two 3-credit LIS courses for a semester credit total of between 8 and 10 credits. Part-time students may register for one 4-credit CHL course and one 3-credit LIS course and earn 7 credits during the semester.

**Required First Courses:**

Students must complete the three LIS core courses (LIS 407 [Information Sources and Services], LIS 415 [Information Organization], and LIS 488 [Technology for Information Professionals]) during their first 12 credit hours. Students must complete CHL 401 (Criticism of Literature for Children) by the end of their second semester of enrollment. Please contact Program Director Cathie Mercier ([cathryn.mercier@simmons.edu](mailto:cathryn.mercier@simmons.edu)) to discuss your children's literature course selections prior to registration.

***Suggested First Semester Course of Study:***

**Full-time students** (*3 courses, 10 credits*):

- CHL 401—Criticism of Literature for Children, CHL 411—Victorian Children's Literature, or CHL 414—Fantasy and Science Fiction
- LIS 407—Information Sources and Services
- LIS 415—Organization of Information

**Part-time students** (*2 classes, 7 credits*):

- CHL 401—Criticism of Literature for Children, CHL 411—Victorian Children's Literature, or CHL 414—Fantasy and Science Fiction

- LIS 407—Information Sources and Services

**Additional Information and Resources:**

Further information, including a full list of CHL and LIS courses and full degree requirements can be found on the Simmons website. This information will help you to begin planning your degree progress beyond the first term.

- [SLIS Course Catalog](#): includes a list and description of all LIS courses. CHL course descriptions can be found in the [graduate catalog](#).
- [Children's Literature/Library and Information Science Dual Degree](#) Information Page: includes a list of dual degree program requirements as well as information about program faculty.

We look forward to meeting you all and working with each of you during your first semester to plan the rest of your program.

Sincerely,

Cathryn Mercier, MA (CHL) and MFA Program Director  
Amy Pattee, Associate Professor and Co-Director of the Dual MA/MS Program