

Dear Dual Degree MA (Children's Literature)/MS (Library and Information Science) 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.

*Typical First Semester Course of Study:*

*Full-time students:*

CHL 401—Criticism of Literature for Children *or* CHL 403 – The Picturebook  
LIS 407—Information Sources and Services  
LIS 415—Organization of Information  
Credit total: 10

*Part-time students:*

CHL 401—Criticism of Literature for Children *or* CHL 403 – The Picturebook  
LIS 407—Information Sources and Services  
Credit total: 7

*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 College 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 and CHL courses: <http://internal.simmons.edu/students/slis/current/courses/course-descriptions/all-courses>

*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:  
<http://www.simmons.edu/academics/accelerated-and-dual-degree/childrens-literature-ma-library-services-to-children-ms>

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

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us:

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