

Dear Cultural Heritage Informatics Concentration Students:

Welcome to Simmons SLIS, and to Cultural Heritage Informatics (CHI)! My name is Peter Botticelli, and I am the coordinator of the Cultural Heritage Informatics concentration. I'm writing to provide you with some information that will help you to select your first LIS courses and begin planning your program of study.

As you prepare to register for your first semester at SLIS, please keep the following in mind:

- **LIS Virtual Orientation:** [LIS 400-OL](#) is required for all entering LIS students (no-credit, no-cost)
- **LIS Core Curriculum:** All LIS students are required to complete these three core courses within their first 12 credit hours of study:
  - LIS 407: Information Sources and Services
  - LIS 415: Information Organization
  - LIS 488: Technology for Information Professionals
- **LIS 432** - Concepts in Cultural Heritage Informatics: This course is generally offered every fall semester; you should take it as soon as possible.
- **LIS 438** - Introduction to Archival Methods and Services: Students in CHI must take LIS 438. This course is a prerequisite for most of the archives courses, so if you plan to take more than one archives course, you should take 438 in your first or second semester. The course is offered online and on the Boston campus in both Fall and Spring semesters, however it is only offered during the Spring semester on the SLIS West campus.

### **Full-time vs. Part-time Registration**

If you are planning to study **full-time**, you should plan to register for 3 LIS classes (9 credits) per semester. We recommend that you either register for LIS 438 and 2 of the 3 LIS core courses noted above or take all three core courses.

If you are planning to study **part-time**, you should plan to register for 1 or 2 LIS courses (3 or 6 credits) each semester. We recommend that you register for LIS 407 and/or LIS 415, and plan to complete LIS 432 once you have completed those two LIS core requirements.

Questions? Please contact me at [peter.botticelli@simmons.edu](mailto:peter.botticelli@simmons.edu).

Creating a successful program plan depends on working closely with your advisor. You will receive the name of your advisor a few weeks before classes begin. Please make an appointment to speak with your advisor as soon as you receive their name. The faculty is looking forward to meeting with you!

Looking forward to welcoming you to Simmons.

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