

Dear IS&T Concentration Students:

First of all, let me welcome you to Simmons SLIS! My name is Naresh Agarwal, and I am the Director for the Information Science and Technology Concentration. I'm writing to provide you with some information that will help you to select your first LIS courses.

As you prepare to register for your first semester at SLIS and begin designing your program of study, it is important to keep the following in mind:

- LIS Virtual Orientation: [LIS 400-OL](#) is required for all LIS students (no-credit, no-cost)
- [LIS Core Curriculum](#): *The three required core courses listed below should be among the first four classes you register for and complete at SLIS:*
  - LIS 407: Information Sources and Services
  - LIS 415: Information Organization
  - LIS 488: Technology for Information Professionals

### **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. You may choose to register for all three of the required core courses in your first semester, or you may register for and complete the required core courses across your first two full-time semesters.

If you are planning to study **part-time**, you should plan to register for 1 or 2 LIS classes (3 or 6 credits) each semester. Depending on how many classes you take each semester, you may register for and complete the required core courses across your first few part-time semesters.

### **Information Science & Technology Concentration**

During the application process, you indicated that you wanted to pursue the Information Science & Technology (IS&T) Concentration. You might wish to select first semester courses that reflect the requirements of the IS&T concentration so that you may more easily continue your studies. You are especially encouraged to complete LIS 488 Technology for Information Professionals in the first semester. Apart from the Core courses, the IS&T specific-requirements are:

- LIS 484 Theories of Information Science
- LIS 485 Introduction to Programming
- LIS 458 Database Management
- Two IS&T electives from the list in [this link](#) (click on "program requirements")

If you have any questions about selecting and registering for courses, please feel free to email me at [agarwal@simmons.edu](mailto:agarwal@simmons.edu). You will receive the name of your advisor a few weeks before classes start. Please make an appointment to speak with your advisor as soon as you receive their name.

We look forward to having you join us!

Best,

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