

Dear School Library Teacher Concentration Students:

Welcome to Simmons and the School of Library and Information Science. I am delighted you have chosen the School Library Teacher Program (SLTP) and I look forward to working with you.

Students in the SLTP engage with a curriculum that includes coursework, field experience, and two program culminating practicums that adhere to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) [Guidelines for Program Approval](#) and that reflect the DESE's [Professional Standards for Teachers](#) and the [Subject Matter Knowledge](#) associated with school library media specialization. To prepare for their practicum experiences, SLT students follow a [distinct program of study](#) that begins in their first semester. As you prepare to register for your first semester at SLIS in the SLTP, 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 two 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 459 - Fundamentals of School Librarianship (formerly SLT Pre-Practicum Field Experience) **LIS 459 should be among the first three classes SLTP students register for and complete**
- All MSLIS students have a technology requirement. As an SLT student, your requirement is **LIS 460: Technology for the School Librarian**, rather than LIS 488 which most students will take. You and your advisor will work together in your first semester to schedule this and other SLT coursework.

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 register for LIS 459 and the 2 LIS core courses noted above.

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. We recommend that you register for LIS 407 and/or LIS 415 and plan to take LIS 459 once you have completed these two LIS core requirements.

If you wish to register for LIS 459 and find that the class meeting date or time does not work with your schedule, or if you have any additional questions, please contact me at melanie.kimball@simmons.edu prior to registration.

I look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

Melanie Kimball, Director, School Library Teacher Program