Established in 1971, the School of Information Sciences provides a graduate program for the preparation of librarians and other information professionals for work in all types of information environments. The program of study offers the Master of Science degree. In addition, the School of Information Sciences provides elective courses at the undergraduate level.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

The undergraduate courses support a heightened awareness of today's information-rich environment. Increasingly, college graduates must understand the nature of information: sources, value, creation, organizing principles, transfer, and uses in society. Those who thrive in the information society must know how to identify and respond to their information needs. First as students, and then as professionals and citizens, graduates need to apply techniques and technologies in the search, retrieval, and evaluation of relevant information to meet their information needs. They must prepare to use a rapidly increasing array of information systems and technologies to seek and to manage information resources. These abilities, which add value to any field of study, constitute information survival skills in the twenty-first century. Graduates need to know when they can help themselves and when they should seek assistance from various information professionals.

The undergraduate courses are planned for the following groups of people:

1. Students who wish to develop a better understanding of the role of information in society.
2. Students whose academic major stresses understanding and use of information in society.
3. Students whose academic major and/or minor requires significant use of research libraries.
4. Students who are prospective candidates for the graduate program in library and information science.

For information about undergraduate courses, contact the School of Information Sciences.