

**MA /MSSc IN LIBRARY AND
INFORMATION SCIENCE
2013**



**DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
UNIVERSITY OF KELANIYA
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Entry Requirements, Course Structure and Syllabus of the Master of Arts/Master of Social Sciences in Library and Information Science

1. Entry Requirements for the two year Masters' Programme

(i) Special Degree in Library and Information Science (with a first or second class) from a recognized University.

or

(ii) A Special Degree in any subject or a General Degree (with a first or second class upper division) from a recognized University.

and

With at least one year's experience in the field of Library and Information Science in a recognized institution at staff level.

or

(iii) A Degree with a Post-graduate Diploma or one year Masters' Degree in Library and Information Science from a recognized University.

1.1 Entry Requirements

For the one year Masters' Programme

(i) Degree with a pass in the Higher diploma in Library and Information Science of the University of Kelaniya or a pass in the Final Examination of the Sri Lanka Library Association or any other qualification equivalent or higher, approved by the Higher Degrees Committee of the Faculty Board, of the Faculty of Social Sciences, of the University of Kelaniya.

or

(ii) A Degree from a recognized university with at least three years experience in the field of Library and Information Science in a recognized institution at staff level.

2. Masters' Programme: Structure

(i) The programme will consist of three parts: course work, research work and practical experience.

(ii) The one year Masters' programme will consist of five core courses and the Optional course **LISC 53065-Research and Issues in Librarianship** or a **LISC 53075 - minor dissertation**.

At the end of this course, students will sit for a written examination of three hours duration.

(iii) The two years Masters' programme will consist of five core courses and a major dissertation. At the end of this course, students will sit for a written examination of three hours duration.

(iv) Each core course will have lectures/tutorials and presentations.

(v) Course work for both programmes would also include five assignments in each core/optional courses.

(vi) As part of the course work each student following the one year Masters' Programme should present two seminars in any two of the core courses while those students following the two year Masters' Programme will present four seminars one in each of the core courses.

The student may however elect to combine assignment with Seminars.

(vii) All seminars will be conducted within the periods (hours) allocated to each course. and these would be considered as practical classes.

3. Examination

(a) One year Masters' Programme
5 Core Courses + 5 Assignments/ 2 Seminars

and

the Optional course **LISC 53065 - Research and Issues in Librarianship**
or (LISC 53075) Minor Dissertation

(b) Two year Masters' Programme
6 Core Courses + 5 Assignments/ 4 Seminars

and the thesis

4. Duration

5. Dissertation / Thesis

(i) Those who follow the one year Masters' Programme would appear for the Optional course **LISC 53065-Research and Issues in Librarianship** or submit a **LISC 53075 - minor dissertation**. on a selected topic to be approved by the Department. The Dissertation will have to be at least 10,000 words.

(ii) Those who follow the two year Masters' Programme will submit a thesis based on a research project approved by the Department. This will have to be at least 30,000 words.

6. Course Structure

MA Degree program

Course code	Course title	Type/S tatus	Cred its
LISC 53015	Organization of Knowledge and Information	C	5
LISC 53025	Information Sources, Services and Systems	C	5
LISC 53035	Management of Libraries and Information Services	C	5
LISC 53045	Information Technology	C	5
LISC 53055	Research Methods	C	5
LISC 53065 or LISC 53075	Research and Issues in Librarianship or Dissertation	O	5
Total credits			30

(For MA program the course the LISC 53065-Issues in Librarianship or LISC M 53075-Dissertation)

MSSc Program

Course code	Course title	Type/S tatus	Cred its
LISC 53015	Organization of Knowledge and Information	C	5
LISC 53025	Information Sources, Services and Systems	C	5
LISC 53035	Management of Libraries and Information Services	C	5
LISC 53045	Information Technology	C	5
LISC 53055	Research Methods	C	5
LISC 53065	Research and Issues in Librarianship	C	5
LISC 6307W	Thesis	C	30
Total credits			60

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