

## **MASTER IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES (MLIS) (*face to face & online*)**

### **OBJECTIVE**

This programme sets out to equip graduates with a bachelor's degree in other disciplines with professional education in the field of library and information studies in order to prepare them to effectively manage library and information units and organizations in different types of environments.

### **ADMISSION**

To be admitted to the programme, applicants must be graduates of approved universities normally with at least a lower second class honours degree in any discipline. Previous work experience in libraries is an advantage but is not essential. Applicants are required to be computer literate, (that is, to have a basic knowledge of the operation of a computer and the software associated with it). It is therefore in the interest of students, at this stage, to ensure that they have done an introductory course before entering the programme.

### **DURATION**

All full-time students will take ONE (1) academic year (Aug.-May) to complete all the required courses, and if they choose to pursue Option 1, they will take an additional academic year (Aug.-Sept.) part-time to complete the Research Paper.

Part-time students will take TWO (2) academic years to complete all required courses and ONE (1) year part-time to complete the Research Paper, making a total of 3 years.

### **PROGRAMME**

The student will be required to read TEN (10) semester courses, write a research paper of 10,000—15,000 words, and earn an additional 3 credits from Practicum, making a total of **39** credits as shown below.

Students are required to obtain a minimum of thirty-nine (39) credits consisting of:

Ten 3-credit courses	30 credits
Six weeks practicum (fieldwork)	3 credits
Research Paper 10,000—15,000 words	6 credits (Option 1)
Independent Study	3 credits (Option 2)
Trends & Issues in the Library & Information Environment	3 credits (Option 2)

#### **Semester I Year I**

##### **Core Courses:** (3 credits each)

LIBS6001 - Foundations of Library and Information Studies

LIBS6106 - Management of Libraries & Information Units

LIBS6301 - Bibliography and Reference Methods and Materials

LIBS6501 - Information Technology I

##### **Electives**

LIBS6901 - Trends & Issues in the Library & Information Work

LIBS6203 - Metadata & Resources Discovery

LIBS6801 - Copyright Issues Affecting Caribbean Libraries and Information Services

#### **Semester II Year I**

**Core Courses:** (3 credits each)

LIBS6401 - Research Methods in Library and Information Studies

**Electives**

LIBS6003 - Information Literacy Instruction

LIBS6302 - Information Resources in Science and Technology

**OR**

LIBS6304 - Information Resources in the Social Sciences (Alternate Years)

LIBS6503 - Introduction to Digital Libraries

LIBS6306 – Legal Information Resource Management

**Summer Session I Face-to-Face**

LIBS6504 – Catalogue Creation and Use

LIBS6202 - Subject Analysis and Indexing in Information Retrieval

LIBS6504 - Integrated Library Systems

**Elective** (3 credits each)

MGMT6015 - Basic Statistics

**Semester I Year II**

LIBS6899 - Research Paper (6 credits) **OPTION 1**

**OR**

LIBS6902 - Independent Study (3 credits) **OPTION 2**

Students opting for this should do LIBS6901 in semester 1 year 1

**Semester II Year II**

LIBS6899 - Research Paper (6 credits) **OPTION 1**

**Summer Session Year II**

LIBS6904 - PRACTICUM IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES – SIX WEEKS (3 CREDITS)