VISION

The vision of the MLIS program is to contribute knowledge and advance theory by working from cognitive, social, behavioral, cultural, and technological perspectives; fostering interdisciplinary collaboration; cultivating an appreciation for the role of information in society; and modeling a climate of intellectual engagement, openness, integrity, and respect within the program.

PROGRAM STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Aligned with the Darden College of Education and Professional Studies
Strategic Goals & Objectives
https://odu.edu/eps/about/strategic-plan

Adopted by the MLIS Faculty, August 2019

- Engage key stakeholders in systematic planning focused on assessing our mutual needs, participating in continuous evaluation and improvement, and collaboratively determining future directions.
- Identify and sustain partnerships with key constituents for research, reflective practice and professional renewal.
- Engage faculty, students, and community in value-added learning opportunities.
- Refine and expand program content and curriculum design by partnering with key stakeholders to ensure students have the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to serve as leaders in LIS professions.
- Encourage and recognize excellence in faculty research.
- Identify and compete for external funding that supports and extends the program vision and mission.
- Implement state-of-the-art technologies to attract, recruit, and retain students to the program who reflect the diversity of our communities.
• Engage in continuous and systematic assessment of student learning outcomes to ensure students have the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to serve as future leaders in their chosen fields.
• Identify and develop infrastructure for supporting research, teaching, and community partnerships.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the MLIS program is to prepare socially responsible graduates for fulfilling library and information careers characterized by ethical practice, professional values, analytical skills, leadership, and lifelong learning.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES
Expectations for Graduates

The MLIS Program:

1. Equips students with the knowledge, skills, and dispositions they will need for an ever changing and ever growing information-based world.
2. Engages students with their communities by requiring project-based learning and internships set in real-world settings.
3. Focuses on the preparation of culturally-responsive librarians who can provide resources and services for increasingly diverse communities for the Commonwealth of Virginia, the nation, and the world.
4. Connects students to the library and information science profession.

These will be taught and assessed through the following

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Create innovative responses to the needs and interests of diverse and global communities.
2. Demonstrate leadership attributes, budgeting, advocacy, and planning for a variety of information environments.
3. Synthesize basic and applied research related to assisting patrons in the application and creation.
4. Integrate evolving technologies and theories into user services that promote their design, application and use.
5. Analyze current and historical trends to forecast future directions of the library and information field.
6. Create a plan for continuous professional development and lifelong learning.