

Bachelor of Library and Information Studies

The Bachelor of Library and Information Studies will prepare you for a career within one or more of the professional sectors specialising in library and information services and management. Graduates will be confident, culturally competent, and collaborative practitioners, empowering and inspiring people, communities and organisations to reach their potential. You will provide access to information and knowledge resources, applying evidence based practice to the collection, organisation and management of physical and digital media.

Qualification code OP7040

Level > 7

Credits > 360

Workload >

Allow 10-12 hours of study per credit. Your workload may be higher around assessment due dates

Study type >

Trimester

Cost >

See the qualification page on the website.

Student loan >

You can get a student loan for this qualification if you meet the criteria. Visit studylink.govt.nz for more information.

Career Opportunities

This qualification is ideal if you want to gain specialist skills. Possible career roles include librarian (such as reference, heritage resources, children and teens, digital services etc.) records manager, information manager, and archivist.

How to apply

Go to the choose courses tab on the qualification page on our website. If you're enrolling in this qualification for the first time select LIS501 and click the add to enrolment plan. You'll be taken through our step-by-step enrolment process which you can save and exit from at any time.



Qualification structure

This programme is made up of eighteen courses worth 20 credits each. There are 15 compulsory courses, and 3 elective courses. The courses need to be completed in the order listed.

Course Code	Course Name	Level
COMPLETE THESE COMPULSORY COURSES FIRST		
LIS501	The Information Environment	5
LIS502	Navigating and Using information	5
LIS503	Connecting with People and Communities	5
LIS504	Te Ao Maori in the Information Environment	5
LIS505	Introduction to Communication, Advocacy and Marketing	5
GROUP ONE – SELECT ONE COURSE FROM THIS GROUP		
LIS506	Collection Management in Libraries	5
LIS507	Principles of Records Management	5
COMPLETE THESE COMPULSORY COURSES NEXT		
LIS601	Empowering People and Communities	6
LIS602	Designing Library and Information Services and Programmes	6
LIS603	Knowledge Organisation Systems	6
LIS604	Cultural Competencies in the Information Environment	6
73213	Research Methods and Interpretation	6
GROUP TWO – SELECT TWO COURSES FROM THIS GROUP		
LIS606	Reader Development	6
LIS607	7 Services and Collections for Children and Teens	6
LIS608	Principles of Information Management	6

LIS609	Digital Asset Management	6
LIS610	Archives Management	6
LIS611	Cataloguing and Classification	6
LIS612	Preservation and Digitisation	6
COMPLETE THESE COMPULSORY COURSES NEXT		
LIS701	Critical Perspectives for Library and Information Professionals	7
LIS702	Strategy and Planning in Information Organisations	7
LIS703	3 Leadership and Advocacy for Information Professionals	7
LIS704	Library and Information Service Professional Practice	7
LIS705	Library and Information Services Project	7

Entry requirements

To enrol in this programme you need to have:

- New Zealand University Entrance (Visit nzqa.govt.nz for details), or
- Hold a Level 4 New Zealand Certificate or diploma qualification as considered appropriate by the Programme Leader, or equivalent.

20 years old or over

If you are 20 years and do not hold the minimum entry requirements you will be eligible to be enrolled where your previous educational, work or life experiences indicates you have a reasonable likelihood of success.

English language requirements

International students must also have an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.0 with no band score lower than 5.5, or equivalent.

Domestic students for whom English or Māori is not their first language must also have an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.0 with no band score lower than 5.5, or equivalent.

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/englishlanguage for more about our English language criteria.

What you will learn

When you achieve this qualification, you will be able to:

- Provide culturally responsive library and information services and collections, recognising and applying the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, understanding Te Ao Māori and other indigenous knowledge paradigms
- Provide culturally relevant library and information services and collections to enhance the lives of Pasifika and other cultural groups in New Zealand
- Analyse individual, organisational and community needs to design and deliver appropriate library and information services, and provide access to information in support of life-long learning.
- Facilitate the creation, organisation and dissemination of new knowledge
- Search for, critically evaluate, contextualise and use information in diverse formats and locations
- Develop leadership and management strategies to advocate for and promote ethical and effective evidence based information solutions within communities and organisations, for open, equitable access to information.

Computer and online access

This programme is delivered 100% online. To complete this programme you will need access to a laptop or desktop computer, reliable broadband internet connection and a data plan able to support online learning such as streaming of videos (including YouTube), downloading content, and writing and submitting online assessments. If you are unsure if your current computer or internet access allows you to complete your online learning with us, please contact us before applying to enrol.

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/online to view our online learning and study tools.

International students and domestic students living overseas

You can study this programme part-time if you're an international student living in New Zealand. You will need to be in paid employment with a valid work permit.

You can study this programme if you're a New Zealand citizen living overseas.

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/internationalstudent for more information about the special conditions and fees that you'll need to meet.

Study pathways

You can start your study with the New Zealand Diploma in Library and Information Studies (Level 5). To gain specialist skills in another area you may also be interested in studying the New Zealand Certificate in Library and Information Services for Children and Teens (Level 6) or the New Zealand Diploma in Records and Information Management (Level 6).