JOINT MASTER OF ARTS PROGRAM IN AFRICANA STUDIES AND LIBRARY SCIENCE

This unique program is designed to meet the need for subject specialist and scholar librarians in academic, research and cultural institutions. Our approach to integrating subject expertise with education and training in library and information science provides dual degree graduates with the opportunity to acquire the skills and knowledge needed in a variety of professional settings. The dual degree allows student to graduate with an MSLIS from the Palmer School, accredited by the American Library Association, and Master's degree from any department at NYU, including Africana Studies.

CURRICULUM

Students who enroll in the dual-degree program will earn two master’s degrees for a total of 52 credits. For the Master of Science in Library and Information Science (M.S.L.I.S.), the Palmer School requires students to complete 28 credits, which includes four core courses and four elective courses as well as a mentorship. The Palmer School has elective courses in information technology, subject reference and organization of information, web architecture, digital libraries, information retrieval, metadata, collaborative technologies, rare books, archives and management.

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*IMPORTANT NOTE:*
After completing 12 credits at NYU and after completing 12 credits at Palmer, students in the dual-degree program will:

- Transfer 8 credits from their NYU program to complete the dual-degree requirements for Palmer.
- Transfer 9 credits from their Palmer program to complete the dual-degree requirements for NYU

Students are responsible for applying for this transfer of credit and should do so once 12 credits are completed at either institution.

TYPICAL PROGRAM SCHEDULE

**First Semester (Fall I)**
- Pro-seminar I in Africana Studies
- Introduction to Library and Information Science
- Introduction to Knowledge Organization
- L.I.S. Elective

**Second Semester (Spring I)**
- Information to Sources and Services
- Pro-seminar II in Africana Studies
- Africana Studies Elective
- L.I.S Elective

**Third Semester (Fall II)**
- Introduction to Research in Library and Information Science
- Africana Studies Elective
- L.I.S Elective

**Fourth Semester (Spring II)**
- Mentoring Experience
- Directed Reading for the Africana Studies MA
- Directed Reading for the Africana Studies MA

COMPLETION OF THESIS

- First Project Draft Due no later than two months into intended term of graduation (ex. Nov. for January graduates; March for May graduates)
- Final Draft (approved by both readers) due no later than two weeks prior to graduate deadline