

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY FOR GRADUATE STUDIES
Faculty of Library Science
Doctor of Philosophy

I. Instructional Philosophy and Mission:

The primary mission of the educational programme in Library Science coursework is:

- A. To develop competent library administrators and practitioners.
- B. To support research, outreach, and academic enrichment.
- C. To stimulate and encourage diverse perspectives in society.
- D. To add to the vast body of knowledge.
- E. To engage the academic and societal communities in relevant data curation activities.
- F. To prepare learners for leadership in library and information science, and to remain an advocate in the information industry.
- G. To direct library personnel in the direction to remain global.
- H. To network and partner with researchers, and the profession of Library & Information Sciences.
- I. To respect diverse learning styles for more significant intellectual and social results.
- J. To co-exists with learners and learning beyond the traditional classroom.
- K. To maintain, improve, and further development library acquisitions in a variety of formats, with the emphasis on digitization.
- L. To promote and stimulate academic excellence for this century.

II. Outcomes:

Learners must demonstrate the following:

- A. Applied critical thinking and problem-solving skills related to the information industry;
- B. Practical application of research design and methodologies as a librarian, administrator, and instructor;

- C. Ethical practices in utilizing a variety of editorial styles for proper citing;
- D. Advocate combating stereotyping in research;
- E. Ensuring that significant research is empirical;
- F. The ability to effectively communicate-verbal and written in the appropriate language of instruction or leadership;
- G. Remaining current professionally and responding to the needs of the abrupt change in and with the profession;
- H. The application of policies and procedures for the developing balanced acquisitions in a variety of formats;
- I. Preserving, conserving, maintain, and facilitating order of the Core Collection in a variety of formats;
- J. Relevantly evaluating the information industry to the Library Science programme at IUGS.

III. Content

- A. IUGS offers the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree in Library Science.
 1. The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Library and Information Science is available to librarians who are "All but dissertation" (ABD) or have two masters' degrees, one that is ALA accredited Library Science and one in another discipline, or the equivalent coursework. It is designed to fill a professional need by librarians and focused on the mission of International University for Graduate Studies (IUGS).
 2. The length of time to complete the PhD degree varies. To be sure, most candidates can complete their doctoral requirements in six (6) to eighteen (18) months. Of course, this depends on their level of enthusiasm, practical experience, the frequency in connecting with the mentor, and personal commitment to life-long endeavors.
 3. Sixty-six (66) graduate credits are required for transfer. These credits may be fulfilled before or after admission.
 4. An additional twenty-seven (27) credits are to be received at International University for Graduate Studies (IUGS).
 5. Candidates are required to undertake the following:
 - a. Twelve (12) credits of non-classroom research and design; Aforementioned is the foundation for the eighteen (12) credit approved doctoral dissertation and oral defense;

- b. Three (3) credit five-day doctoral seminar at the seven-day residency in Dominica;
- c. The sixty-six (66) transferred credits, and the additional twenty-seven (27) credits which are earned at IUGS will total ninety-three (93) credits. This is aimed to meet the academic prerequisites for the PhD in Library and Information Science.

B. The Exposition for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Library Science (PhD).

1. Before writing the dissertation, all candidates must select a mentor with a doctorate in a related field of study so that he or she may guide the doctoral candidate with a successful dissertation. The mentor should bring expertise, real-world experience, value, and research ethics to the exposition and who has practiced an aspect of librarianship, Information Systems, Storytelling, or Archival Management. The doctoral candidate may select this professional or assigned by the Chairperson of Library Science.
2. The academic environment at International University for Graduate Studies respects the doctoral candidate's professional development, educational background, and their path in adding to the extensive body of knowledge. Postgraduate candidates bond with mentors, faculty and fellow students through research, seminars, and presentations, and consistent communications, while exploring and accomplishing their professional goals.

C. Graduation in Library Science requirements include the following courses face-to-face at IUGS:

1. Research and Design, I & II. (12 credits);
2. A Dissertation and Oral Defense (12 Credits);
3. The five-day Graduate Seminar at the seven-day Residency (3 credits);
4. Additionally, the following must be satisfied:
 - a. Two masters' degrees, one in Library Science and one in another discipline, or the equivalent coursework;
 - b. Documented pertinent professional experience;
 - c. Ninety-three (93) credits, which include the following: °66 post-baccalaureate graduate credits on-line with IUGS or a transfer, before, or after admission;

d. All relevant graduate credit, including those credits from graduate degrees, as well as approved graduate level, continuing education, certification and licensing coursework;

e. Distance Learning (if any).

IV. Instructional strategies will include, but not be limited to:

- A. Assigned readings and conversations of full texts, peer review journal articles, and required textbook;
- B. Compilation of subject-based annotated bibliographies;
- C. Developing research strategies with fellow learners and colleagues;
- D. Engaging in small group discussions for unpublished ideas;
- E. Use of electronic media (Questia online library provided by the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Library Science (PhD));
- F. University and other sources selected by the student, Mentor, and Dean, i.e., Jstor;
- G. Examinations: cumulative and comprehensive analysis to ensure subject matter mastery.

V. The number of instructors for each course will vary. However, it will total at least (3), including:

- 1. The Dean of the Library Science Programme;
- 2. The Mentor;
- 3. The Faculty Lecturers;
- 4. The Dissertation and Oral Examination Committee Members.