

Step-by-Step Guide to the Appalachian State University Masters of Library Science (MLS) Program

Steps	Actions
1	Read the ASU Graduate Bulletin to learn more about the MLS program requirements and applying to the graduate school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ http://www.graduate.appstate.edu/gradstudies/prospective/
2	Take the GRE or the Millers Analogy Test (MAT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ http://www.testing.appstate.edu/
3	Apply to Graduate School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ http://www.graduate.appstate.edu/gradstudies/prospective/applications.html
4	Contact your advisor about starting your MLS coursework
5	For international students only, be sure to contact the Office of International Education and Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ http://www.international.appstate.edu/students/index.html
6	Begin your MLS program! See the Library Science website for course checklists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ http://www.ced.appstate.edu/departments/les/programs/libsci/index.aspx
7	Apply for MLS scholarships (in spring only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ http://www.ced.appstate.edu/departments/les/programs/libsci/index.aspx
8	If in need of M licensure (lateral entry school library track students only), begin taking these required courses ASAP – M licensure coursework must be completed PRIOR to taking <i>LIB 5525 Product of Learning</i> .
9	After completing 1-3 semesters, submit a completed Program of Study and Admission to Candidacy form to the MLS program director <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ http://www.graduate.appstate.edu/forms.html ▪ http://www.ced.appstate.edu/departments/les/programs/libsci/index.aspx
	Continue taking MLS coursework – contact your advisor at least once per semester
10	In final two semesters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ School library students: Take <i>Product of Learning</i>* and school internship ▪ Public library students: Take comprehensive exam (to be scheduled) and public library internship ▪ Dual track students: Take <i>Product of Learning</i>*, public library comprehensive exam (to be scheduled), and both internships (school and public)
11	At the beginning of your last semester: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Submit changes (if any) made to the Program of Study to the MLS program director <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ http://www.graduate.appstate.edu/forms.html ▪ Apply for graduation – check deadlines for applying for graduation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ http://www.graduate.appstate.edu/gradstudies/current/graduation.html
12	Complete coursework and comprehensive exam (public library and dual track only)
13	Prepare to apply for licensure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For school library track students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Plan to take PRAXIS II to apply for licensure (not required for graduation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ http://www.ets.org ▪ http://www.ced.appstate.edu/students/licensure_faqs.aspx ▪ For public library and dual track students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prepare to apply for certification with the State Library Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ http://statelibrary.dcr.state.nc.us/LD/plcert/plcert1.htm
14	Join the Appalachian State University Alumni Online Community. It's free! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ http://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/APP/
15	Graduation!

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