School of Information Studies
Leading Information Education and Research – Empowering Society

CSU Information and Library Studies specialisations:
- Audiovisual Archiving
- Children’s Librarianship
- Community Informatics
- Data Management
- Information and Knowledge Management
- Information Architecture
- Information Leadership
- Knowledge Networks and Digital Innovation
- Leadership
- Librarianship
- Research (PhD)
- Records and Archives Management
- Teacher Librarianship

Why study with CSU’s School of Information Studies (SIS)?

The School of Information Studies is a leading education provider for the information industries with more than 40 years’ experience. Delivering industry relevant and cutting edge programs using the latest technology, the School is at the forefront of high quality and innovative online education. Being an iSchool member cements the School of Information Studies’ commitment to leading and promoting the information field.

Studying at CSU means you will be supported by experienced and connected academics who are experts in a range of fields. As one of the largest accredited Information Studies schools in the world you will study with students from across the globe and have access to global study opportunities in North America through the School’s Web-Based Information Science Education (WISE) Consortium membership.

Flexible study options are another reason the School of Information Studies stands out from the crowd. With multiple entry points you can choose how and when you want to study; a range of start dates are offered, along with opportunities to fast-track your studies.

Some reasons for studying Information Studies with CSU:
- More than half of Australia’s information and library studies students are enrolled at CSU.
- Courses are available online allowing you to tailor your study around work, family and other commitments.
- With 40 years’ teaching experience, CSU’s Information and Library Studies courses are highly regarded.
Master of Information Leadership

Graduate Certificate in Information Leadership [exit point only]

The Master of Information Leadership will give you the knowledge and skills to progress your career as an information professional. Informed by research and information practice and drawing on national and international expertise, the course explores the evolving challenges of leadership in information agencies. It will provide you with leadership strategies, techniques and tools to enhance your effectiveness as a leader in the information sector. As a graduate, you’ll be equipped with the knowledge and skills to encourage the development of leadership, judgment and responsibility in a variety of information contexts.

Graduate Certificate in Audiovisual Archiving

Designed in consultation with The National Film and Sound Archive, this course prepares you for work in the audiovisual archiving industry and related areas. It introduces the history, philosophy and ethics behind audiovisual archiving, including the structures, strategies and skills used in audiovisual management activities. You will learn about the appropriate preservation and storage methods to manage deterioration of audiovisual objects, along with the principles and practices underlying collection development, collection management and access.

Master of Education (Teacher Librarianship)

The Master of Education (Teacher Librarianship) is ideal if you are seeking to become a teacher librarian, or practising teacher librarian, without a full specialist qualification in teacher librarianship. With a focus on understanding the continually evolving nature of learning needs in schools, and the role information resources play, the course will enhance your skills in incorporating information literacy, literature and technologies into the curriculum. You’ll explore resourcing for curriculum innovation, discover creative organisational thinking, work with existing and emerging media tools and learn to take a leadership role in enabling teachers and students to be lifelong learners and active participants in local or global learning environments.

For more information or to apply, visit: www.csu.edu.au/courses/library-information-studies
Bachelor of Information Studies (with specialisations)
The Bachelor of Information Studies (with specialisations) is equivalent to three years’ full-time study and consists of a core set of foundation subjects, followed by a wide range of elective subjects which allow for optional specialisations in Librarianship, Information and Knowledge Management, and Records and Archives Management. As a graduate you’ll have the opportunity to work in professional positions in Australia and internationally. With a focus on linking practice with knowledge, this course allows you to explore some of Australia’s leading knowledge, collecting and information institutions.

Graduate Certificate in Data Management
The Graduate Certificate in Data Management is designed for information professionals, research administrators, researchers and others looking to broaden their understanding in data management and open up new career opportunities. Offered part-time and online, you will receive an introduction to the fundamental principles, key concepts, tools, standards, and techniques of data curation, management and analysis.

Master of Education (Knowledge Networks and Digital Innovation)
By studying the Master of Education (Knowledge Networks and Digital Innovation) you will become an agile leader in new cultures of digital formal and informal learning. The program includes flexible study options in knowledge networking, global information flow, advanced search techniques, learning analytics, social media, game-based learning, digital literature, learning spaces design and more. If you are an educator, school leader, ICT integrator, teacher librarian, instructional designer, learning support specialist or teacher educator seeking to develop expertise in global and community networked knowledge environments, this course is for you.

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
The Doctor of Philosophy will enable you to work with some of Australia’s leading researchers in the information studies field. Under the guidance of our expert researchers, you will investigate and seek solutions to a wide range of inquiry-driven and real-world problems. Doctoral supervision is available for research projects that explore various information contexts and populations.

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“...The best thing was learning, and realising a passion for literacy delivery that I didn’t even know I had. Working with books and words is still wonderful, but I am greatly fulfilled by my new interest in diminishing the digital divide and investigating literacy in all its forms.

Emily Prince
Master of Information Studies
Professional recognition and accreditation

The Bachelor of Information Studies (with specialisations), Master of Information Studies (with specialisations) and Master of Education (Teacher Librarianship) are recognised by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA).

The Bachelor of Information Studies (with specialisations) and Master of Information Studies (with specialisations) are also accredited by the Records and Information Management Professionals Australasia (RIM Professionals Australasia) as industry standard professional qualifications, enabling you to work in the full range of library, records and related information sectors. Completing the Records and Archives specialisation will also give you recognition by the Australian Society of Archives (ASA).

Internationally, ALIA has reciprocal professional recognition agreements with:
• American Library Association (ALA)
• Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA)
• UK Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP)

Note: Recognition varies and in some countries, a Master’s degree is considered the minimum professional level qualification.

Studying online

Charles Sturt University is one of the most experienced providers of online education in Australia. Our innovative course delivery uses the latest technology to connect you with your lecturers and fellow students. You will have access to our comprehensive communication systems, online forums, wikis, blogs, podcasts and library resources.

Studying online provides real flexibility, allowing you the freedom to choose when and where you complete your degree. With the flexibility of CSU’s online learning and research tools, you can study your way, in your time.

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Sally Chik
Master of Information Studies (Community Informatics)

About CSU

CSU is a national university focusing on excellence in education for the professions, strategic and applied research, and flexible delivery of learning and teaching. We work in close association with industry, professions and government to ensure our courses meet and support industry needs, resulting in high graduate employment levels and starting salaries. We attract more than 40,000 students from Australia and around the world and are well-known for our innovative approach to education, offering practical, hands-on courses, supported online to provide our students with accessible, world class education.

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