

DigIn

A New Graduate Certificate Program in Digital Information Management

The University of Arizona School of Information Resources and Library Science and The University of Arizona Office of Continuing Education jointly administer the graduate certificate program in Digital Information Management (DigIn). DigIn provides hands-on experience and focused instruction for people seeking new careers in or improving their skills and knowledge of digital archives, digital libraries, digital document repositories and other kinds of digital collections.

The explosion of digital information and the growth of online digital resources has led to a shortage of individuals with an understanding of the disciplines of libraries, document management and archives who also have the technical knowledge and skills needed to create, manage and support digital information collections. The six-course 18-credit hour graduate program will provide both new students and working professionals with a balanced mix of content that includes practical applied technology skills along with a foundation in the theory and practice of building and maintaining today's digital collections. Certificate holders will be well positioned for careers in libraries, archives, local, state and federal government and the private sector.

All coursework is online and may be completed in 15-27 months. Studies begin each summer with the course *Introduction to Applied Technology*. Students may then take either one or two courses each fall and spring, with a capstone course concluding the program each summer. The certificate program has been developed in cooperation with The Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records. Major funding for program development comes from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), which has also provided funding for a limited number of scholarships.

Application to the program and enrollment are administered by the University of Arizona Office of Continuing Education and Academic Outreach.

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Digital information is not a future information professionals should be planning. It is the current reality that we must actively address. The accelerating growth of diverse digital collections clearly affords new opportunities for professionals who are well-grounded in traditional information management principles but who also possess the technical skills needed to curate digital objects.

DigIn is designed to prepare students for leadership roles in managing digital information in the changing environment of libraries, archives, museums, and other cultural heritage institutions. Graduates will be expected to:

- Demonstrate the skills and background knowledge needed to be effective learners, with the ability to master emerging issues and technologies.
- Model information literacy during the program and in the professional environment after graduation.
- Grasp the core theoretical concepts underlying digital information management across disciplines.
- Understand the mission of librarians, archivists, and other information professionals, including ethical codes and the respect for privacy, intellectual property and intellectual freedom.
- Acquire the skills and experience needed to meet the information needs of diverse user communities.
- Develop the communication skills needed to address the full range of technical and organizational issues affecting digital collections.
- Gain the confidence needed to excel in the broad range of information professions now charged with managing digital information.

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The **DigIn** Certificate consists of six required three-credit graduate courses:

- IRLS 671 Introduction to Digital Collections
- IRLS 672 Introduction to Applied Technology
- IRLS 673 Managing the Digital Information Environment
- IRLS 674 Preservation of Digital Collections
- IRLS 675 Advanced Digital Collections
- IRLS 676 Capstone

2009 Schedule. Applications are now being accepted for the next DigIn Program cohort starting in summer 2009.

April 1, 2009. Application deadline including application for financial aid.

May 18, 2009—May 24, 2009. Program Orientation

May 25, 2009 — August 29, 2009. Summer Session (one course)

September, 2009 — December, 2009. Fall Session (one or two courses)

January, 2010 — May, 2010. Spring Session (one or two courses).

Scholarships Major funding for the DigIn program comes from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, which provides assistance and support for students through scholarships and graduate assistanceships.



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