

**American Library Association
Committee on Accreditation**

**Accreditation Decisions and Actions Taken
Annual Conference 2020**

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At its Annual Conference Meeting, held June 26-27, 2020, the ALA Committee on Accreditation (COA) took the following actions:

Accreditation Decisions

Continued Accreditation status was granted to the following programs (listed in alphabetical order by institution), with the next comprehensive review visit scheduled to take place in spring 2028, reflecting a one-year extension to next visit extended to all programs due to the disruptions caused by the pandemic.

- Master of Library and Information Studies at the University of Alberta. Meets all standards. No follow-up reporting required.
- Master of Science with majors in Library Science and Information Science at the University of North Texas. Meets all standards. No follow-up reporting required.
- Master of Library and Information Science at the University of Maryland. Meets all standards. No follow-up reporting required.

Initial Accreditation status was granted to the following program, with the next comprehensive review visit scheduled to take place in spring 2028:

Master of Library and Information Science at Southern Connecticut State University. Follow-up reporting is required related to Standard II. Curriculum, regarding progress on curriculum planning and development; Standard III.1-2 and 7 Faculty, regarding progress on faculty recruitment and with research productivity; and Standard V. 10 Administration, Finance, and Resources, regarding resolution of facility and space needs.

Precandidacy status was granted to the Master of Library Science at Middle Tennessee State University.

External Review Panel Appointments

- Approved External Review Panels (ERP) for fall 2021 comprehensive review visits to Old Dominion University, University of Ottawa, and Valdosta State University.
- Approved ERP chairs for spring 2022 comprehensive review visits to Louisiana State University, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, University of Oklahoma, and University of Texas at Austin.