

**American Library Association
Committee on Accreditation**

**Accreditation Decisions and Actions Taken
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At its Annual Conference Meeting, held June 22-23, 2019, the ALA Committee on Accreditation (COA) took the following actions:

Accreditation Decisions

What follows reflects the April 2018 policy revision to [section I.15 \(Accreditation decisions\)](#) of [Accreditation Process, Policies, and Procedures \(AP3\)](#), implemented to enhance public disclosure, that went into effect for all programs beginning in May 2018. The policy states that “any [standard](#) on which a program has follow-up reporting (following a comprehensive review or interim reporting review) is made public by the Office for Accreditation in the [Directory of ALA-Accredited Programs](#) and as a part of the usual means (e.g., [press release](#), [Accreditation Decisions and Actions Taken reports](#), and [Prism](#)).”

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 2026:

- Master of Information Science and Master of Library Science at Indiana University, Bloomington. Standard cited for follow-up reporting: II.1 (curriculum evolves in response to ongoing systematic planning). Contact the Office for Accreditation at accred@ala.org for the specifics cited.
- Master of Library Science at Indiana University Purdue University, Indianapolis. Meets all standards. No follow-up reporting required.
- Master of Library and Information Science at University of Southern Mississippi. Standards cited for follow-up reporting: I.1 (program's mission and goals pursued through implementation of an ongoing, broad-based, systematic planning process) and II.2.3 (responds to needs of a diverse and global society, including needs of underserved groups). Contact the Office for Accreditation at accred@ala.org for the specifics cited.

Initial Accreditation status was granted to the following program, with the next comprehensive review visit scheduled to take place in spring 2026:

- Master of Science in Library and Information Science at Chicago State University. Meets all standards. No follow-up reporting required.

The following program’s status was changed from Continued to Conditional, with the next comprehensive review visit scheduled to take place in spring 2022:

- Master of Library and Information Science at Louisiana State University. Standards cited for follow-up reporting: I.1 (program's mission and goals pursued through implementation of an ongoing, broad-based, systematic planning process), I.1.4 (communication of planning policies and processes to program constituents), II.3 (curriculum provides opportunity for students to construct coherent programs of study), II.5 (procedures for continual evaluation of curriculum), II.6 (documented evidence to substantiate evaluation of curriculum), III.1 (faculty capable of accomplishing program objectives), III.6 (faculty with diversity of backgrounds and skills and an intellectual environment that enhances the accomplishment of program objectives), IV.5.3 (students receive academic and career advisement and consultation), IV.6 (applies the results of evaluation of student achievement to program development), IV.7 (documented evidence to substantiate the evaluation of student learning outcomes), and V.1 (program is an integral yet distinctive academic unit within institution). Contact the Office for Accreditation at accred@ala.org for the specifics cited.

Candidacy status was granted to the following program, with the comprehensive review visit scheduled to take place in spring 2022:

- Master of Arts in Library and Information Studies at University College London. Standard cited for follow-up reporting: I.1 (program's mission and goals pursued through implementation of an ongoing, broad-based, systematic planning process) Contact the Office for Accreditation at accred@ala.org for the specifics cited.

External Review Panel Appointments

- Approved External Review Panels (ERP) for fall 2020 comprehensive review visits to University of Ottawa, Valdosta State University, and University of Washington.
- Approved ERP chairs for spring 2021 comprehensive review visits to University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, San Jose State University, and University of Texas at Austin.