

Checklist for Students Interested in the Dual MLIS & School Media Specialist Certification

- ✓ Understand that:
 - The dual path requires 51 semester hours, while the MLIS alone requires 39 hours.
 - The dual path requires several additional purchases (see below)
 - The dual path requires some in-person attendance in Valdosta (see below)

- ✓ Students must be admitted into the MLIS program categorized as a student on “regular” status for entry into the dual MLIS degree-SMS certification program. Admission under any other status will render you ineligible, until your status is converted to “regular.”

- ✓ The advisors for the Dual MLIS & School Media Specialist Certification are Drs. Drouillard and Ondrusek. If you are assigned to someone else, complete the Change of Advisor Request form (MLIS homepage, click on Resources for Students).

- ✓ **Prior to taking the first IT-LM course**, students must apply to the VSU Graduate School for Admission to the CLT Department as a non-degree seeking student. This is done **after** admission to the MLIS program on regular status, **after** being assigned to an MLIS advisor, and **after** discussing your interest in this track with that advisor.

- ✓ **Prior to taking the first IT-LM course**, students must pass or exempt the GACE I exam: <http://www.gace.nesinc.com/>.

- ✓ **Prior to taking the first IT-LM course**, students must submit to a criminal background check and obtain liability insurance (MLIS homepage, click on Academic Advising, look for the Liability document).

- ✓ **Prior to taking the first IT-LM course**, students will need to purchase Live Text software for course assessment documentation. CLT faculty will provide you with purchasing information and instructions on how to use Live Text.

- ✓ In several IT-LM courses students are required to purchase and learn to use the Adobe Acrobat software. This is the full program, *not* just the free reader.

- ✓ CLT faculty recommend any of the following courses as a starting point for IT-LM courses:
 - ITED 7300 Instructional Design (online course)
 - CIED 7060 Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology Integration (online course)
 - ITED 7201 Information Resources and Services (part online, part face-to-face)

- ✓ Students who declare the Dual Program must take the following MLIS electives:
 - MLIS 7220 Public Libraries
 - MLIS 7420 Youth Literature OR MLIS 7421 Multicultural Youth Literature
 - MLIS 7422 Programming for Children and Young Teens
 - MLIS 7550 Library Systems and Automation

- ✓ Students must complete all course work on the MLIS-SMS Program of Study form.

- ✓ Students must pass a test of technical proficiency specified by the College Education.

- ✓ Students must pass the GACE II exam.