

assessment year. The 4 students' outcomes were rated excellent and all 4 were successful in earning the Graduate Certificate in Archives and Special Collections along with the MLIS degree.

What specifically did your assessments show regarding any outcomes/objectives that will require continued attention?

Based on student feedback on the need for more certificate electives to be offered, the SLIS Curriculum Committee proposed two additional elective options (LIS 580, LIS 692) that were approved by the department and college curriculum committee as well as the Graduate Council.

Annual Report Section Responses

Program Summary

The Graduate Certificate in Archives and Special Collections is an 18-credit hour certificate that combines online coursework related to archival history, theory, methods, organization, and ethics, with an archival practicum, which can be arranged at an archive or special collection near the student. The certificate may be earned with an MLIS degree, a related master's degree or as a post-master's certificate.

Continuous Improvement Initiatives

The requirements for the archival certificate were based on the standards of the Society of American Archivists (SAA) and the SLIS Curriculum Committee regularly re-evaluates the requirements for the certificate based on the SAA standards related to core archival knowledge, which includes knowledge of archival material and functions, knowledge of the profession, and contextual knowledge.

Closing the Loop

Students completing the Graduate Certificate in Archives and Special Collections will be tracked to determine how many (and what percentage) have or obtain positions related to archives or special collections as well as how many (and what percentage) publish their archival research.