The Graduate Diploma in Information Management is a professional degree accredited by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). ALIA is the professional association for the library and information sector in Australia. The course has three streams leading to qualifications as a General Librarian, Information Manager or a Teacher Librarian. Recognised teaching qualifications are required to undertake the Teacher Librarian stream. The course addresses the requirements of professional information managers.

**Course structure**

The Graduate Diploma consists of the equivalent of one year’s full-time study. The program consists of eight coursework units, each with a weighting of 12.5%. The Diploma can be completed in one year of full-time study, or up to three years of part-time study. The following table shows the course structure of the Graduate Diploma of Information Management for each stream.

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**Elective units are selected from the following:**

- KXI764 IS-based Knowledge Management
- ESV224 Manage & Develop Learning Strategies
- LAW602 Foundations of Media and IT Law
- KXX132 Web Management
- KXX231 ICT Project Management
- IST3162 Information Literacy

Other electives may be approved by the Head of School.
Aims of the degree

The aims of the Graduate Diploma in Information Management are to:

- Equip students with the fundamental knowledge, skills and capabilities to function effectively as professional information managers;
- Give graduates a good understanding of the roles that information plays in society, organizations and for individuals, and the need for information resources to be managed effectively;
- Develop professional skills and appropriate attitudes in the support of clients engaged in information retrieval and usage, and all aspects of the careers of information managers;
- Provide an understanding of the principles and practice of information organization, use of information management systems, and the functions that information managers perform in organizations;
- Meet the professional standard of qualifications required by ALIA for Teacher Librarian, General Librarian or Information Manager.

School facilities and resources

Students will gain experience in state-of-the-art laboratories using Apple Macintosh, Microsoft Windows and Linux. All systems in the School of Computing & Information Systems access AARNet (the Australian Academic and Research Network), which connects most universities and research organisations in Australia to the Internet. Wireless networking is provided for student-owned laptops. School facilities and resources are available to students twenty four hours per day, seven days per week. In addition to the academic program, the School holds dinners, barbecues and social events throughout the year, and there are support and interest groups such as the Tasmanian University Computer Society (TUCS), a Mentor Scheme for beginning students, and an International Affairs Coordinator to assist overseas students.

University resources

On campus there are libraries, sports centres, gymnasiums, tennis courts, squash courts, sports fields, banks, travel agents, shops, bars, cafes, cultural and sporting clubs and societies, and student Health, Housing, Careers and Employment services. The University issues students with ID cards that, for full-time students, provide discounts on movie tickets, transport, travel and more. In addition there are computers available in the libraries, faculties, student union and IT Services laboratories across campus. All students have free e-mail and Internet accounts.

Admission requirements

Candidates for the Graduate Diploma in Information Management program will be required to have a Bachelor degree or equivalent.

For entry into all postgraduate courses, international students must provide an IELTS test score of at least Band 6 with a minimum of 6.0 on all bands or a TOEFL score of 575 with a Test of Written English score of no less than 4.5. This test must not be more than 24 months old.

Start dates

There are two semesters each year at the University of Tasmania and each semester has thirteen teaching weeks. First semester starts late February and continues until June and second semester starts early July and continues until November. You can begin your program in first or second semester.

Professional recognition

As accreditation for the Graduate Diploma has been obtained from ALIA, completion of the Diploma will be recognised as satisfying the requirements of a professional librarian. A graduate also needs to have recognised teaching qualifications to undertake the Teacher Librarian program of the Graduate Diploma, and gain employment as a Teacher Librarian.

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