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MLIS Program receives continued accreditation from the American Library Association

The School of Information Studies of the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee is proud to announce that the American Library Association Committee on Accreditation (COA) voted recently to approve continued accreditation of the school's Master of Library and Information Science, with the next comprehensive review scheduled for 2010. Libraries and other information-related organizations work together with educators and the COA to ensure high levels of quality in education for graduating librarians and other information professionals. First accredited in 1976, the school received comprehensive reviews in 1981, 1988, and 1997, with the most recent review concluding in January, 2004.

With approximately 500 students in bachelor's, master's, post-master's, and doctoral programs, including students in most states and some foreign countries taking advantage of the online delivery of the master's degree, the school is able to reach a larger audience and hence a larger employment range than ever before. According to the school's interim dean, Tom Walker, the continued accreditation not only ensures quality for the graduates of the master's program who seek professional positions with institutions that require professional employees to possess accredited graduate degrees, but also demonstrates that the school seeks to continue cultivating a positive and evolving relationship with libraries in order to promote a useful balance of cutting-edge research, teaching, service, and the provision of exceptionally competent professionals.

For more information about the accrediting process, see the COA website at <http://www.ala.org/ala/accreditation/>.

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