



## Master of Library and Information Science Application Essay Guidelines

Prepare two essays addressing the questions below. Format your document using one-inch margins, double-spaced text, 12-point Times New Roman font. In the header on the right side of each page include the following information in a single line: Last Name, First Name, Middle Name; (Page Number)

The admissions committee considers both the quality of the essay content and of the written communication skills.

**Essay 1** has two parts, 1A and 1B. Part 1A is required. Part 1B is optional:

Part 1A (Required, maximum of 500 words). Explain what personal, educational, and/or employment experiences in your adult life have shaped your desire to earn the MLIS degree at VSU. Highlight work experience in library or LIS positions. Also describe your professional goals, how you arrived at them, and why an MLIS degree is necessary to accomplish those goals.

Please also address why you believe that you will be successful working in the fully asynchronous online learning environment of the VSU MLIS program.

**Part 1B** (Optional, maximum of 250 words). If the VSU MLIS Program has an area of study that interests you, describe how following that area of study will support your professional goals. Descriptions of the areas of study are available at: <https://www.valdosta.edu/colleges/education/master-of-library-and-information-science/our-program/>

**Essay 2** (Required, 750-1000 words). In this essay, please identify one major issue or trend currently affecting the dynamic, changing field of library and information science. Critically assess this issue or trend and present your response in the form of an essay. You may consult and cite additional sources such as relevant articles published in academic or professional journals to support your assessment.