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Welcome to the programme Library and Information Science: Digital Libraries and Information Services

Dear student,

You have applied to the Master's study programme in *Library and Information Science: Digital Libraries and Information Services* and have received the notification of admission to the programme.

We welcome you cordially to our programme that starts on the 2nd of September, and hope that you will enjoy our courses and communication with the teachers as well as with your fellow students around the world.

Digital libraries and information services have become a landmark of the modern society. Many organizations that develop digital resources and services require new competence of meeting users, strategic thinking and managing, designing and promoting them. You will have an opportunity to acquire key knowledge and skills of investigating, building, running, evaluating and putting to the effective use different types of digital libraries.

The programme includes modules that help to understand the role and functions of digital services and libraries in society, their usefulness for individuals, professional tasks and processes that librarians have to manage, technological background, managerial issues and research directions within this developing area of library and information science.

The Swedish School of Library and Information Science (SSLIS) has strong contacts with the professional and research community in Sweden, Europe and around the world. The students applying to this programme also come from many countries. As a participant in the programme you will meet them online and in physical space, exchange experience and knowledge, build your own international network of professional contacts.

You will study online and half-time (two year programme takes four years to complete). Therefore, you have a possibility to do it almost entirely at home and at your own pace. However, distance studies require much will power and discipline. Besides, some of the courses require you to change the usual way of thinking quite radically, regardless of your previous study background. If you have studied humanities or social sciences the challenging part will be our technological courses. If you have computer science or IT background there will be subjects dealing with human and societal issues

You should also have access to a new computer and internet connection that enables you to access multimedia, video and audio files. You will be required to buy some software and teaching materials. On the other hand, you will receive lectures and seminar material on the e-learning platform PING PONG and will be able to use resources available through the Library of the University of Borås.



Students are required to attend one of the residential periods in Borås per year (you are most welcome to attend both, but one is obligatory). **The first residential period is scheduled for September 2-6 2013**, (Introduction and *Digital Library Management* course), the second in February, 2014 (course *Users and information activities in digital environments*). You may choose the period that is more convenient or more useful for you.

The master's programme starts, as stated above, on the 2nd of September with the course *Digital Library Management*. You will receive the login information to the learning platform when you have fully registered* to the programme. This is done mid-August.

The *Digital Library Management* course leader is Elena Maceviciute (e-mail: elena.maceviciute@hb.se). You may contact her for information regarding this particular course. We hope to meet you online and/or in real life on **September 2nd** and wish you all the best in your studies.

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* For students from outside the EU, a study fee payment is done prior to that.

You will need to register online and the registration opens week 33 (12 August).

Do not forget to write down your user ID (S13xxxx) and password! Once you are registered, you will have access to the learning platform PING PONG, login to PING PONG using your user ID and password.

Please note that all information will be found in PING PONG – we do not send course information etc. by regular mail.

When you are logged in, you have access to your specific course/event in PING PONG where you will find all information about the course.

Registration problems? Contact registrera@hb.se

Link to PING PONG: <https://pingpong.hb.se>