Comparing tuition among the top five iSchools

The following information was obtained directly from university websites by University of Illinois GSLIS staff in November of 2015. Please refer to each school’s site when evaluating program costs. Tuition and fee information covers on-campus rates for the 2015-2016 academic year and is subject to change.

Illinois:

Degree requirements for MS in Library and Information Science: 40 credits

Cost per ten-credit semester:
Resident: $4,671
Non-resident: $8,024

Additional fees: $1,689/semester. $1,689 x 4 semesters = $6,756

Cost of degree: $25,440 (resident); $38,852 (non-resident)
Resident: 4 semesters x $4,671 = $18,684 + $6,756 = $25,440
Non-resident: 4 semesters x $8,024 = $32,096 + $6,756 (fees) = $38,852

University of Washington Information School

Degree requirements for Master of Library and Information Science: 63 credits

Cost per credit: $745

Additional fees: $509/quarter. $509 x 8 quarters = $4,072

Cost of degree: $51,007
63 credits x $745 = $46,935 + $4,072 (fees) = $51,007

School of Information Studies, Syracuse University

Degree requirements for MS in Library and Information Science: 36 credits

Cost per credit: $1,388

Additional fees: $175/semester. $175 x 4 semesters = $700
Cost of degree: $50,668
36 credits x $1,388 = $49,968 + $700 (fees) = $50,668

School of Information and Library Science, University of North Carolina

Degree requirements for the MS in Library Science: 48 credits

Cost per full-time semester (9+ credits):
Resident: $5,571.50
Non-Resident: $14,177

Additional Fees: $965.52/semester. $965.52 x 4 semesters = $3,862.08

Cost of degree: $26,148.08 (resident); $60,570.08 (non-resident)
Resident: 4 semesters x $5,571.50 = $22,286 + $3,862.08 (fees) = $26,148.08
Non-Resident: 4 semesters x $14,177 = $56,708 + $3,862.08 (fees) = $60,570.08

School of Information, University of Michigan

Degree requirements for MS in Information: 48 credits

Cost per full-time semester (9+ credits):
Resident: $10,319
Non-resident: $20,844

Additional Fees: $164.19/semester. $164.19 x 4 semesters = $656.76

Cost of degree: $41,932.76 (resident); $84,032.76 (non-resident)
Resident: 4 semesters x $10,319 = $41,276 + $656.76 (fees) = $41,932.76
Non-Resident: 4 semesters x $20,844 = $83,376 + $656.76 (fees) = $84,032.76