

## **{Year} Career Survey of Library and Information Science**

The purpose of this survey is to understand the career-related thoughts of LIS majors.

It should take about 20 minutes to complete.

Questions marked with an asterisk (\*) are mandatory.

1. Please indicate your graduation status. \*

- (1) Undergraduate students
- (2) Graduate students
- (3) Employed Individuals
- (4) Job applicants

2. Please provide your year of enrollment (graduation year for graduates) \*

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| (1) 2014 | (7) 2020   |
| (2) 2015 | (8) 2021   |
| (3) 2016 | (9) 2022   |
| (4) 2017 | (10) 2023  |
| (5) 2018 | (11) Other |
| (6) 2019 |            |

3. Are you currently employed? (Please answer only if you selected 'Employed Individuals' or 'Job applicants' in Q1) \*

- (1) Yes (2) No

**==== Go to Q14 if you selected 'Employed Individuals' or 'Job applicants' in Q1====**

4. Are you pursuing a major other than Library and Information Science (LIS)? \*

- (1) Yes (2) No

5. Did you have a career goal when you entered school? \*

- (1) Yes (2) No

6. What is your intended career path at the time of admission? (Multiple choice. Please answer only if you selected 'Yes' in Q5) \*

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| (1) Librarians                               | (7) Journalist                         |
| (2) Data specialist                          | (8) Archivist                          |
| (3) Private enterprise                       | (9) teacher Librarians                 |
| (4) Public enterprise                        | (10) Publishing                        |
| (5) Government employees (except librarians) | (11) Universities (Professor or Staff) |
| (6) Developers (programmers)                 | (12) Self-employed                     |
|  | (13) Other:                            |

7. Do you currently have a career goal? \*

- (1) Yes (2) No

8. What career path do you intend to pursue currently? (Multiple choice. Please answer only if you selected 'No' in Q7) \*

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| (1) Librarians      | (3) Private enterprise |
| (2) Data specialist | (4) Public enterprise  |

- (5) Government employees (except librarians)
- (6) Developers (programmers)
- (7) Journalist
- (8) Archivist
- (9) teacher Librarians

- (10) Publishing
- (11) Universities (Professor or Staff)
- (12) Self-employed
- (13) Other:

9. Why aren't you currently pursuing a career path? (Multiple choice. Please answer only if you selected 'No' in Q7) \*

- (1) You don't know what you're good at yet
- (2) You don't know what you like yet
- (3) Lack of values about the direction of your personal life
- (4) Lack of information about possible career paths for LIS majors
- (5) Not yet thinking about a career path
- (6) Other:

10. What influenced your career aspirations then and now? (multiple choice) \*

(Please check (1) if your career aspirations have not changed since admission, or (2) if they were different at both times.)

- (1) Your desired career path is not different at either time
- (2) No desired career path in either period
- (3) Recognize realistic limitations
- (4) Losing interest in academic-related jobs
- (5) Identify new aptitudes/interests
- (6) Other:

11. What influenced your career aspirations then and now? (multiple choice) \*

(Please answer (1) if your career aspirations have not changed since admission, or (2) if they were different at both times.)

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| (1) Your desired career path is not different at either time     | (11) Conferences/Small Groups                              |
| (2) No desired career path in either period                      | (12) Club activity   |
| (3) Classes in the Department of Library and Information Science | (13) Part-time job   |
| (4) Other major classes  | (14) Failed to complete curriculum for teaching profession |
| (5) Explore career-related information                           | (15) Professors  |
| (6) Extracurricular activity                                     | (16) Upper classmen  |
| (7) Contests/Projects  | (17) Parents   |
| (8) The exchange student experience                              | (18) Friends   |
| (9) Internship   | (19) Younger brothers or sisters                           |
| (10) Volunteer activity  | (20) Grades  |
|  | (21) Other:  |

12. What are your usual career concerns? (multiple choice) \*

- (1) No worries
- (2) I'm thinking about a career, but I don't have a clear direction
- (3) don't know what I'm interested in
- (4) No place to get career information
- (5) Other:

13. How do you usually approach concerns regarding your career? (multiple choice) \*

- (1) No worries
- (2) Discuss with friends
- (3) Talk to your seniors
- (4) Ask a professor for a consultation
- (5) Do an internet search
- (6) Browse resources

- (7) Utilize your school's career counseling center
- (8) Browse in Everytime
- (9) Keep to yourself
- (10) Do nothing
- (11) Other:

14. What are your favorite topics in the library and information science curriculum? \*

- (1) Information Science
- (2) Library management
- (3) Classification and cataloging
- (4) Information Service
- (5) Record management
- (6) Bibliography

15. Describe any supplementary courses you'd wish to be introduced within the Department of LIS

16. What are the benefits of a multidisciplinary degree? (multiple choice) \*

- (1) Interdisciplinary opportunities
- (2) Expand your career options
- (3) Expand your connections
- (4) Other:

17. What are the disadvantages of a multidisciplinary degree? (multiple choice) \*

- (1) Credit burden
- (2) Workload burden
- (3) Time burden (possible extra semester)
- (4) Weakened expertise
- (5) Other:

18. Do you believe that obtaining a multidisciplinary major will enhance your employment prospects? (Please answer only if you selected 'Employed Individuals' or 'Job applicants' in Q1) \*

- (1) Strongly agree
- (2) Disagree
- (3) Neither agree nor disagree
- (4) Disagree
- (5) Strongly disagree

19. Did you choose a multidisciplinary major during your undergraduate program? \*

- (1) Yes (2) No

20. What multidisciplinary major have you chosen? (Please answer only if you selected 'Yes' in Q19) \*

21. If you've designed your own major (self-design major) or pursued multiple majors, please provide a list of all the majors included in your program. (Please answer only if you selected 'Yes' in Q19) \*

22. Why did you choose this multidisciplinary major? (Multiple choice. Please answer only if you selected 'Yes' in Q19) \*

- (1) Advantageous to get good grades
- (2) To broaden your job search
- (3) Don't want to choose an advanced majors
- (4) Related to my interests and aptitudes
- (5) Compromise with reality (low grades/insufficient time, etc.)
- (6) To expand knowledge of my major
- (7) To fulfill career requirements
- (8) Other:

23. What are some of the challenges and issues you faced while completing a multidisciplinary program? (Multiple choice. Please answer only if you selected 'Yes' in Q19) \*

- (1) Difficulty organizing timetables
- (2) Burden of amount of studies
- (3) Burden of contents of studies
- (4) Lack of information
- (5) Difficulty signing up for a course
- (6) Curriculum dissatisfaction
- (7) Nothing
- (8) Other:

24. What influenced your choice to not complete a multidisciplinary major? (Multiple choice. Please answer only if you selected 'No' in Q19) \*

- (1) Intend to take the course in the future (haven't started yet)
- (2) No interest or need for a multidisciplinary major
- (3) Concerned about running out of time to complete a multidisciplinary major
- (4) Didn't have the opportunity due to the high grades cutoff for your desired multidisciplinary major
- (5) Didn't have time to pursue other majors because of a teaching major
- (6) Other:

25. How do you usually get information about employment? (multiple choice) \*

- (1) Private recruitment sites (e.g. Job Korea, Saramin, etc.)
- (2) Government job sites (e.g. WorkNet, WorldJob, etc.)
- (3) Internet portal sites (e.g. Google, Naver, etc.)
- (4) The University's Career Center (e.g. Rainbow System)
- (5) Job fairs at corporate/government and related organizations
- (6) Other:

26. Did you feel that information within the department was adequately shared about employment opportunities (when you were an undergraduate student)? \*

- (1) Strongly agree
- (2) Disagree
- (3) Neither agree nor disagree
- (4) Disagree
- (5) Strongly disagree

27. What is your preferred method of sharing information about employment within your department? (multiple choice) \*

- (1) LIS website
- (2) LIS group chatting

- (3) LIS official Instagram
- (4) Mail (sharing job information via personal email)
- (5) Regular meetings between alumni and current students
- (6) Lectures about career
- (7) Other:

28. What career enrichment programs do you think are needed in the LIS? (multiple choice) \*

- (1) Conferences/Studies
- (2) Institutional/Academic/Employment Linkage Programs (Practicum/Internship)
- (3) Personnel guest lectures
- (4) Talk/meet with a professor
- (5) Job fairs and career consulting
- (6) Mentoring from department seniors and incumbents
- (7) Other:

29. What career-related programs do you think are needed in the LIS? (multiple choice) \*

- (1) Career-related roadmaps
- (2) Roadmap for taking courses
- (3) Career Exploration Program
- (4) Book recommendations about career
- (5) etc (please answer in the questions below)

30. Please write any desired career-related programs in LIS that were not mentioned in the above options.

31. How do you think we should communicate with undergraduate students and alumni? (multiple choice) \*

- (1) LIS group chatting
- (2) Everytime(student online community)
- (3) LIS website
- (4) LIS official Instagram
- (5) Meet with current students/alumni face-to-face
- (6) Meet with current students/alumni non-face-to-face (ZOOM, etc.)
- (7) Other:

32. What career paths do you think are available to a LIS major? (multiple choice) \*

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| (1) Data specialist                          | (9) Private enterprise                          |
| (2) Librarians                               | (10) Law school                                 |
| (3) Teacher librarians                       | (11) Journalist                                 |
| (4) Public enterprise                        | (12) Archivist                                  |
| (5) Self-employed                            | (13) Developers (programmers)                   |
| (6) Publishing                               | (14) etc (please answer in the questions below) |
| (7) Universities (Professor or Staff)        |   |
| (8) Government employees (except librarians) |   |

33. Please write any possible career paths for LIS majors that aren't mentioned in the above options.

34. What is your desired/current field of work? \*

- (1) Private enterprise
- (2) Public enterprise
- (3) Government employees (except librarians)
- (4) Librarians
- (5) Self-employed
- (6) Other

35. What type of library do you work in or want to work in? (Please answer only if you selected 'Librarians' in Q34) \*

- (1) National libraries
- (2) Public libraries
- (3) University libraries
- (4) Small libraries
- (5) School libraries
- (6) Other libraries

36. What is your desired/current specific occupation? (Please answer only if you selected 'Public enterprise' or 'Private enterprise' in Q34) \*

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| (1) Management/Office  | (5) Service                      |
| (2) Distribution/Sales | (6) Sales/Customer Service       |
| (3) IT/Internet        | (7) Haven't thought about it yet |
| (4) Distribution/Sales | (8) Other:                       |

37. What is your desired/current job area? (Please answer only if you selected 'Government employees (except librarians)' in Q34) \*

38. Please write in any additional desired or current career field. (Please answer only if you selected 'Other' in Q34) \*

39. What annual salary range are you hoping for or currently earning?

- (1) Under 20 million won
- (2) Over 20 million won and under 25 million won
- (3) Over 25 million won and under 30 million won
- (4) Over 30 million won and under 35 million won
- (5) Over 35 million won and under 40 million won
- (6) Over 40 million won and under 45 million won
- (7) Over 45 million won and under 50 million won
- (8) Over 50 million won and under 55 million won
- (9) Over 55 million won

40. How long do you expect/did it take to become prepared for employment? \*

- (1) Within 1 year
- (2) 1 year
- (3) 2 years
- (4) 3 years

- (5) 4 years
- (6) Other:

41. Are you currently taking any steps to prepare for your desired career path and future employment? \*

- (1) Yes (2) No

42. What specific activities or preparations are you currently undertaking/did you previously engage in to position yourself for your desired career path? (Multiple choice. Please answer only if you selected 'Yes' in Q41) \*

- (1) External activities (supporters/societies/clubs/studies/etc.)
- (2) Extracurricular activities (clubs/sororities/societies/studies/etc.)
- (3) Language preparation
- (4) Grades
- (5) Earn certifications
- (6) Volunteer activity
- (7) Practical exercise/Internship
- (8) Other:

43. What has stopped you from pursuing your desired career path? (Multiple choice. Please answer only if you selected 'No' in Q41) \*

- (1) I didn't feel the need to prepare
- (2) Financial hardship
- (3) I thought it was too early to prepare
- (4) I have a career path in mind, but I'm not sure what I want to do.
- (5) I don't have a set career path.
- (6) Other:

44. What was the toughest hurdle you faced while getting prepared for your job/career field? (multiple choice) \*

- (1) Financial hardship
- (2) Lack of employment information
- (3) Social awareness
- (4) Psychological pressure
- (5) Lack of employment opportunities
- (6) Other:

45. What is the most important value for you when choosing a career path after getting a job? (If you are employed, please answer as of pre-employment) \*

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| (1) Salary                 | (5) Aptitude and interest |
| (2) Job security           | (6) Self-realization      |
| (3) Organizational culture | (7) Work-Life balance     |
| (4) Society perception     |                           |

46. What is your second most important value when choosing a career path? (If you are employed, please answer as of pre-employment) \*

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| (1) Salary                 | (5) Aptitude and interest |
| (2) Job security           | (6) Self-realization      |
| (3) Organizational culture | (7) Work-Life balance     |
| (4) Society perception     |                           |

47. What is your third most important value when choosing a career path? (If you are employed, please answer as of pre-employment) \*

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| (1) Salary                 | (5) Aptitude and interest |
| (2) Job security           | (6) Self-realization      |
| (3) Organizational culture | (7) Work-Life balance     |
| (4) Society perception     |                           |

**====Go to Q14 if you selected 'Undergraduate students' or 'Graduate students' in Q1====**

48. Did your work values change after starting your job/career? \*

- (1) Yes (2) No

49. What has become the most important factor for you when considering career paths after gaining work experience? \*

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| (1) Salary                 | (5) Aptitude and interest |
| (2) Job security           | (6) Self-realization      |
| (3) Organizational culture | (7) Work-Life balance     |
| (4) Society perception     |                           |

50. What has become the second most important factor for you when considering career paths after gaining work experience? \*

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| (1) Salary                 | (5) Aptitude and interest |
| (2) Job security           | (6) Self-realization      |
| (3) Organizational culture | (7) Work-Life balance     |
| (4) Society perception     |                           |

51. What has become the third most important factor for you when considering career paths after gaining work experience? \*

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| (1) Salary                 | (5) Aptitude and interest |
| (2) Job security           | (6) Self-realization      |
| (3) Organizational culture | (7) Work-Life balance     |
| (4) Society perception     |                           |

52. How satisfied are you with your current job? \*

- (1) Very unsatisfied  
(2) Satisfied  
(3) Neutral  
(4) Unsatisfied  
(5) Very unsatisfied

53. Would you recommend your current workplace to undergraduate students in the LIS? \*

- (1) Strongly agree  
(2) Disagree  
(3) Neither agree nor disagree  
(4) Disagree  
(5) Strongly disagree

54. Are you considering going to graduate school, or have you already attended? \*

- (1) Yes (2) No



55. Which graduate school do you want to attend or have you attended? (Please answer only if you selected 'Yes' in Q54) \*

- (1) LIS in same university as undergraduate
- (2) LIS in other university as undergraduate
- (3) Other department in same university as undergraduate
- (4) Other department in other university as undergraduate
- (5) Not thinking specifically

56. When do you plan to start graduate school, or when did you actually start your studies? (Please answer only if you selected 'Yes' in Q54) \*

- (1) Immediately after graduation
- (2) 1 year after graduation but less than 2 years
- (3) 2 years post-graduation but less than 3 years
- (4) 3 years after graduation
- (5) After graduation and getting a job
- (6) Other:

57. What is the purpose of attending graduate school? (Please answer only if you selected 'Yes' in Q54) \*

- (1) Strengthening of expertise
- (2) Get ready for work
- (3) To be a professor
- (4) Changed desired career field
- (5) Self-development
- (6) To delay look for a job
- (7) Other:

58. What were some of the challenges you faced while getting ready for graduate school? (Please answer only if you selected 'Yes' in Q54) \*

- (1) Lack of information about the content of the study
- (2) Lack of information about admission
- (3) Difficulty contacting professors/labs
- (4) High grade requirements
- (5) High tuition fees
- (6) Other:

59. Why haven't you thought about attending graduate school? (Please answer only if you selected 'No' in Q54) \*

- (1) Not interested in research
- (2) High tuition fees
- (3) Dissatisfaction with graduate education
- (4) Lack of information about graduate school
- (5) Other:

**===Submit now if you selected 'Undergraduate students' or 'Graduate students' in Q1===**

60. Do you plan to go to graduate school in the future? \*

- (1) Yes (2) No

61. What graduate school are you interested in attending in the future? (Please answer only if you selected 'Yes' in Q60) \*

- (1) LIS in same university as undergraduate
- (2) LIS in other university as undergraduate
- (3) Other department in same university as undergraduate
- (4) Other department in other university as undergraduate
- (5) Not thinking specifically

**====Thank you for participating in the survey====**