

## Instructional Delivery Modes at UA-SLIS

Two thirds of our MLIS students attend classes face to face and one third study online. Students interested in *attending class face-to-face* are admitted on a rolling basis beginning with any semester. Students admitted to face-to-face study will take all **required courses** in Tuscaloosa and/or Birmingham. **Electives** can be scheduled in synchronous online classes or face-to-face in Tuscaloosa or in weekend format at The University of Alabama's Gadsden Center. The application deadline for face-to-face study is 6 weeks prior to the first day of the semester in which a student plans to begin study.

There are two options now for online study, both of which are designed to accommodate part-time students:

- ✓ Forty students are admitted each fall term for the national online cohort. All students in the fall online cohort must attend a 4 day on-campus orientation before classes begin. Orientation is held the week before classes begin and is the only on-campus requirement for the degree. Students can only begin the 100% online national cohort in the fall. The highly selective online cohort offers courses in real time via Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) and web-based Wimba software. Most students in the cohort schedule two courses per semester, attending classes in the evenings from 6 to 8:45 PM central time. At this rate, the 36 credit hour program can be completed in 6 semesters, or two calendar years. The application deadline for the fall online cohort is April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ An additional 40 students are admitted each spring term for the regional cohort. Members of the regional cohort begin their studies with a one-day orientation at the University of Alabama's Gadsden Center. Members of this cohort must commit to completing one required course online for each of 6 consecutive terms, and must schedule at least 3 of their electives face-to-face at The Gadsden Center. Courses at Gadsden are offered in weekend format (one course requires 4 weekend sessions scheduled Friday, 6 to 9 PM and Saturday, 9 AM to 5 PM). The application deadline for the regional cohort is November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Requirements for online study include: access to a personal computer, high-speed broadband internet access, a headset with microphone, and a quiet place to "attend class" uninterrupted with the freedom to speak and listen.

| COURSE INFORMATION   |                 |            | STUDENT ENROLLMENT STATUS |                     |                                    |                                       |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Course Delivery Mode | course category | location   | on-Campus Tuscaloosa      | Commuter off-campus | National Cohort online begins fall | Regional Cohort Gadsden begins spring |
| face-to-face         | core            | Tuscaloosa | yes                       | yes                 |                                    |                                       |
| face-to-face         | elective        | Tuscaloosa | yes                       | yes                 |                                    | yes                                   |
| face-to-face         | core            | Birmingham |                           | yes                 |                                    |                                       |
| face-to-face         | elective        | Gadsden    |                           | yes                 |                                    | yes                                   |
| online               | core            | virtual    |                           |                     | yes                                | yes                                   |
| online               | elective        | virtual    | yes                       | yes                 | yes                                | yes                                   |

Students may enroll in courses designated by yes.