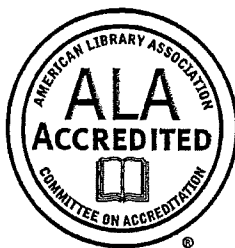


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Dear Dr. Heidorn:

On behalf of the Committee on Accreditation (COA/the Committee) of the American Library Association (ALA), I write to inform you that the Committee voted to grant continued accreditation status to the program leading to the degree of Master of Arts in Information Resources and Library Science at the University of Arizona.

The next comprehensive review visit is scheduled for fall 2019 unless evidence persuades COA that the review should be conducted at an earlier or later date. The accreditation status of this program explicitly includes all sites offering courses that are part of the program listed above.

This decision was made at the Committee meeting on January 28, 2013. The decision was based on the Program Presentation, the External Review Panel Report, all of the reports the program submitted to the Committee since the last comprehensive review, and the January 26, 2013, meeting with you and Brad Eden, Chair of the External Review Panel.

The decision to grant continued accreditation to the program was based on the "totality of the accomplishment and the environment for learning...rather than from a consideration of the isolated particulars" (*Standards*, Introduction, p. 5).

In the next biennial narrative report, please provide written documentation of the ongoing, broad-based systematic planning process (Standard I.1), including documented evidence of external and internal evaluation of program goals and objectives by those served: students, faculty, employers, alumni, and other constituents (stakeholders). (Standard I.3)

In addition, provide an update of the involvement of full-time faculty in student advising and the review/assessment and evaluation of e-Portfolios. (Standard II.7)

For your information and planning, the schedule for reporting is as follows:

Report	Due date
Annual statistical Report	December 1, 2013
Biennial Narrative Report	December 1, 2013

The Committee thanks all those who provided information and participated in the review process. The cooperation of those associated with the program and with the University of Arizona enabled us to facilitate the review of your program. We appreciate your cooperation in the ongoing evaluation, assessment, and review process of accreditation and we encourage you to continue your efforts.

Sincerely,



Brian Andrew, Chair  
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