Table II.4. Detailed Comparison between Existing MS Program and Proposed Program

42-Credit Program	36-Credit Program
Core Courses (unchanged) **4 classes, 12 credits** ● LIS 5408 Management of Information Organizations ● LIS 5411 Introduction to Information Policy ● LIS 5703 Information Organization ● LIS 5271 Research in Information Studies	**4 classes, 12 credits** ● LIS 5408 Management of Information Organizations ● LIS 5411 Introduction to Information Policy ● LIS 5703 Information Organization LIS 5271 Research in Information Studies

Concentrations
5 concentrations
● Information Architecture
● Information Needs of Youth Information
● Policy & Management
● Information Technology Management
● Knowledge Management
Students can also pursue an Individualized Concentration.
	3 concentrations (with specializations in each)
	● Information Architecture & Technology
	  ○ Technology & Networking
	  ○ Web Design
	● Information Needs & Services
	  ○ Information Organization
	  ○ Leadership & Management
	  ○ Reference & Instruction
	● Youth Information Needs & Services
	  ○ School Library Media
	  ○ Youth Services
	Students can also pursue an Individualized Concentration, or a Generalist degree.

Required Concentration Courses & Electives Concentrations - each include a required course, concentration electives, and general electives.	Specializations are 4 courses (12 credits), of which some (one or two) classes may be required; students would be able to choose other courses from a list of approved classes. The remaining 4 courses (12 credits) would be of the student's choosing – but could be another specialization (for example Youth Services and Reference; Leadership & Management and Web Design).
Specialization None	4 courses, 12 credits
Internship Not required	Not required (but strongly recommended for students without library experience)
Course Calendar None	Announce course calendar 2-3 years ahead for planning purposes
Time and Cost (2006 estimates) Assuming 6 credit hours per term, 7 terms Roughly $14,000 in tuition (based on $1,000 per course)	Assuming 6 credit hours per term, 6 terms Roughly $12,000 in tuition (based on $1,000 per course)