



*Accreditation Process, Policies, and Procedures, fourth edition*

- Standards** Refers to *Standards for Accreditation of Master's Programs in Library and Information Studies*, the essential features of accredited library and information studies programs. The *Standards* are developed by the COA and approved by the ALA Council.
- Visit or site visit** Refers to the part of a comprehensive review in which members of an ERP visit the school and institution to validate and augment the information contained in the Self-Study. Most visits are conducted as on-site visits in which members of the ERP travel to the program location. This document is written from that perspective. However, alternative approaches, such as virtual visits, may also be used, following consultation with the Program Head, the OA Director, and the ERP Chair.

A comprehensive glossary of accreditation terminology is available on the Office for Accreditation website.

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