



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION
School of Library & Information Studies

LIS5273 - PRACTICAL LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE EXPLORATION
SECTION(S)
TERM 20XX, COURSE MEETING DAY/TIME, COURSE MEETING LOCATION
MODE OF INSTRUCTION:

Instructor:

Email:

Office:

Phone:

Course Location/Website:

Office Hours (in office, online or via phone):

Teaching Assistant:

Email:

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course blends library and information science theory with practical library experience and application. Students explore alternative approaches to a variety of challenges related to the management of information centers and interact with a variety of working information professionals.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

At the end of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Apply information science and technology theories to practical experiences in a working library or information center.
2. Make informed career/employment decisions in traditional or non-traditional application of the MLIS and MSIT degrees.
3. Apply the history and philosophical aspects of the professions through targeted readings, assigned projects and a written paper.

COURSE MATERIALS:

There is no required textbook. Readings are assigned and posted to the course website.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS AND EVALUATION:

- **Attendance**-weekly F2F, visits to other information centers, individual interviews
- **Book Analysis**-select topical book or suggest own
- **Journal Entries**-weekly reflections on class, projects, case studies and information visits.
- **Work hours**-8 hr/week in Goldstein Library, various aspects of the information professions
- **Projects**-as assigned by instructor relating to Library and Information Technology, completed during "work hours"

GRADE CALCULATION:

Graded item	Possible Points	% of grade
<i>Attendance</i>	24	12
<i>Book Analysis</i>	100	25
<i>Journal Entries.</i>	30	12
<i>Work hours</i>	88	30
<i>Projects</i>	24	21
Totals	266	100

GRADING SCALE:

A	93 - 100	C	73 - 76
A-	90 - 92	C-	70 - 72
B+	87 - 89	D+	67 - 69
B	83 - 86	D	63 - 66
B-	80 - 82	D-	60 - 62
C+	77 - 79	F	0 - 59

COURSE SCHEDULE:

WEEK	TOPICS TO BE COVERED
1	General introductions, weekly work schedule determination, explanation of course expectations
2	Professional Organizations and membership values
3	Job hunting, resume, interviewing skills
4	Site visit or case study, evaluation of work hours, project status
5	Site visit or case study, current issues in the professions
	Individual Information Professional visit/teleconference, as appropriate

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7	Mid-term goals analysis, reflections, brainstorming session- REPORT OF INFORMATION PROFESSIONAL VISIT DUE
8	Site visit or case study, current issues in the professions
9	Site visit or case study, current issues in the professions
10	Site visit or case study, current issues in the professions
11	Site visit or case study, current issues in the professions
12	End of course goal analysis, lessons learned, suggestions for improvement, group reflection. Book Analysis Due

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<http://ischool.cci.fsu.edu/academics/online/requirements/>

Student Eligibility for an Incomplete Grade:

Incomplete ("I") grades will not be assigned, except in the case of exceptional unforeseen circumstances that occur within the last three weeks of the semester and your work has otherwise been satisfactory (C average).

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Excused absences include documented illness, deaths in the family and other documented crises, call to active military duty or jury duty, religious holy days, and official University activities. These absences will be accommodated in a way that does not arbitrarily penalize students who have a valid excuse. Consideration will also be given to students whose dependent children experience serious illness.

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- (1) register with and provide documentation to the Student Disability Resource Center; and
- (2) bring a letter to the instructor indicating the need for accommodation and what type. This should be done during the first week of class.

This syllabus and other class materials are available in alternative format upon request.

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Student Disability Resource Center

874 Traditions Way

108 Student Services Building

Florida State University

Tallahassee, FL 32306-4167

(850) 644-9566 (voice)

(850) 644-8504 (TDD)

sdrc@admin.fsu.edu

<http://www.disabilitycenter.fsu.edu/>

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"Except for changes that substantially affect implementation of the evaluation (grading) statement, this syllabus is a guide for the course and is subject to change with advance notice."