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Field Description

The courses offered by the Library Department prepare students for successful participation in the emerging information society of the 21st century. Students develop skills in identifying information needs, retrieving information effectively and efficiently, evaluating information, creating information products, and understanding the social, economic, political, and ethical aspects of information.

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The Minor

Students pursuing a minor in information studies will:

- Develop advanced skills in information literacy, including the ability to identify information needs, formulate precision searches for efficient information retrieval, evaluate information and reformulate searches for greater precision, and employ retrieved information in the creation of new products (research papers, presentations, Web pages), and the ethical and legal use of information.
 - Gain an understanding of the guiding principles of the production, organization, and dissemination of information in contemporary society, including the production of knowledge, the information publication cycle, and the construction and design of information storage and retrieval systems.
 - Gain a theoretical understanding of key information policy issues in a rapidly evolving information environment, including governance of the World Wide Web, digital divide, censorship, privacy, plagiarism, intellectual property, and e-commerce.
- The requirements of the minor in information studies can be fulfilled by completing two courses at the 3000 level followed by the 4000-level capstone course.

Minor in Information Studies

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Courses

Courses in Information Studies (LIB)

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| LIB 1015 | Information Research in Social Sciences and Humanities | 3 hours; 3 credits |
| LIB 1016 | Information Research in Business | 3 hours; 3 credits |
| LIB 3010 | Topics in Information Studies | 3 hours; 3 credits |
| LIB 3020 | Principles of Information Retrieval | 3 hours; 3 credits |
| LIB 3030 | Archives, Documents, and Hidden History | 3 hours; 3 credits |
| LIB 3032 | Economics of Information | 3 hours; 3 credits |
| LIB 3040 | Information and Society (COM 3040), (PAF 3040) | 3 hours; 3 credits |
| LIB 3065 | Electronic Research Methods and Resources for Writers (JRN 3065) | 3 hours; 3 credits |
| LIB 4900 | Social Informatics: Studies in the Production, Distribution and Consumption of Information | 3 hours; 3 credits |

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