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The Faculty

Vice President for Information Services and Dean of the Library: Arthur Downing

Professors:

- Sheau-Yueh Chao
- Arthur Downing
- Gerry Jiao
- Lewis Liu
- Sandra Roff

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- Francis Donnelly
- Lisa Ellis
- Stephen Francoeur
- Harold Gee
- Louise Klusek
- Rita Ormsby
- Aisha Peña
- Bobbie Pollard
- Michael Waldman

Assistant Professors:

- Joseph Hartnett
- Ryan Phillips
- Linda Rath
- Kimmy Szeto
- Christopher Tuthill
- Jessica Wagner

Distinguished Lecturer:

- Ralph Blumenthal

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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.

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Courses

Courses in Information Studies (LIB)

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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