LIS 5043 ORGANIZATION OF INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE RESOURCES

Interpretation of the course description: Basic introduction to how people and systems organize information. Includes introduction to cataloging, metadata, indexing, access points, information retrieval, and more.

Audience: This is a required introductory course for both MLIS and MSKM students. It is taught every spring and fall term, alternating between online and face to face formats.

Expectations: Students should be able to write effectively and professionally and should have basic computer use skills.

Student Learning Objectives:
Course Objectives are to provide students the opportunity to:
- Acquire a comprehensive understanding of the principles, methodologies, and practices fundamental to information organization and knowledge resources; and
- Become familiar with issues in this area,
Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:
- Understand the human, social, and policy issues inherent in organization of information and knowledge resources.
- Describe the needs for and identification and organization of information and knowledge resources.
- Analyze the need for organizing and representing information in a variety of institutional settings.
- Analyze search tools, web sites, and other information/knowledge management products.
- Describe, compare, and contrast major representation techniques, methods, and tools.
- Evaluate several types of information packages and retrieval sources.

Topics: In addition to readings on various aspects of organization, students will write a paper, take an exam, and complete a series of interesting and practical exercises exploring the practice of information organization in libraries and other information organizations, and in society in general.

Opportunities for Utilizing Relevant Technology: Students will use web technology, search library databases, use word processing and presentation software, and use the online course software Desire to Learn.

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