LIS5033-995 FALL 2012 - INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY

Catalog Course Description: The nature of knowledge and information; national and global organizational information infrastructure; the role of information and knowledge professionals in the knowledge society; information policy; economics of information; information industries; legal and ethical considerations in information and knowledge systems.

Interpretation of Course Description: This course introduces MLIS students to the information environment, its structural components, relationships, theories, and actors. It lays a foundation for the student's program and subsequent courses in the curriculum.

Audience: Required, introductory, MLIS students

Expectations: Prior to the start of class, the student should be able to
• use Desire2Learn including accessing news and contents, participating in discussion boards, submitting assignments through folders
• access and use email, including sending and receiving email attachments
• identify, access, and use web sites
• access documents in Adobe Acrobat Reader
• word process documents
• access and create PowerPoint slides
• access podcasts and videocasts
• use a style manual.

Student Learning Objectives: Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to
• describe basic concepts of information and knowledge management
• discuss the role of information in both the private and public sectors
• analyze the interrelationships of the various information organizations
• identify and assess professional aspects and issues related to the practice of information and knowledge professionals
• identify information relevant to a particular topic or issue
• discuss/defend ideas with peers in an asynchronous online environment.
• compose documents in a group environment using digital communication media
• critically analyze issues and prepare responses supported by reference to relevant professional and scholarly writing and present the responses in formally documented papers.

Topics:
• theoretical foundations
• information and knowledge technology
• information infrastructure
• information economics
• information policy and regulation
• information professions.

Opportunities for Utilizing Relevant Technology: Use D2L communication technologies; use basic word processing; use cloud computing for document editing; use library and other online databases and resources; use the Internet for information and resource discovery.

Course Last Offered: Spring 2012

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