

Course Profile: Urban Libraries Seminar

Course Number: LIS 7400

Title: Urban Libraries Seminar

Credits: 3

Prerequisite(s):

Rationale for Inclusion in Curriculum:

This course provides a critical knowledge base about factors impacting the success or failure, the opportunities and responsibilities of library and information services design and implementation in an urban, multi-ethnic setting.

Course Objectives:

The student will internalize the complexity of issues involved in providing services to the urban resident. Drawing upon the perspectives of a myriad of professionals working in multicultural urban settings students will develop broad knowledge and appropriate sensitivity to the informational, societal, and personal needs of individuals and groups. Students will gain skill in planning and implementing information services in the urban setting.

Competencies Expected:

By the end of the course students will be able to:

1. Examine the impact of the public library as a node in the local, regional and national information network.
2. Identify elements of collaboration in the planning and implementation of effective public library and information services in the urban setting.
3. Articulate a community sensitive-service philosophy.
4. Compare ways in which other professions adapt their skills and competencies to serve the needs of urban dwellers.

Content:

1. Planning and managing Human services.
2. Urban Parent, youth and family information needs and services.
3. Urban policy and fiscal issues.
4. Local press and the media.
5. Multicultural issues.
6. Political action.

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