SLIS 4620. Information Resources in the Humanities
SLIS 5620. Information and Access Services in the Humanities

Semester: 3W1 2013

Description

3 hours. Information resources, methods, needs and services in the humanities. Comparative study of individual fields. Communication patterns and bibliographic organization. Role of professional organizations and government. Representative problems and practice.

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Objectives

• To introduce a specific set of disciplines which we call the humanities.
• To guide the student through the process of how to learn about the literature of the humanities.
• To understand the information-seeking behavior of humanists.
• To introduce the types of information services provided to a variety of clients in the humanities.
• To introduce major information resources in the humanities including new technology.
• To develop the ability to evaluate and use information resources in the humanities.

Requirements

• Assignments:
  o Reading reactions to textbook chapters and articles available electronically through the UNT Libraries
  o Information hunts using a variety of print and electronic information resources
  o Evaluations of electronic information resources
  o Final project consisting of the development of a written report on the background and information resources on an assigned subject area
• Exams: None
### Schedule

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| 1    | Lectures:  
• Introduction to the Course  
• Historical Overview of the Humanities  
• The Meaning of the Humanities Today  
• Subject Literatures  
• Bibliographic Organization in the Field  
• Key Humanities Databases  
• Selection/Evaluation of Resources  
• Scholarship & Research in the Humanities  
Assignments Due:  
• Student Introductions  
• Reading Reactions  
• Evaluations of Humanities Web Sites | Perrault & Aversa, Chapters 1 & 2 |
| 2    | Lectures:  
• Information Services in the Humanities  
• Professional Organizations  
• The Government and the Humanities  
Case Study: The Orchestra Librarian: A Career Introduction  
Assignments Due:  
• Information Hunt: Print Resources  
• Information Hunt: Electronic Sources | Note: Students will need to read the textbook chapters related to their assigned final project subject area. |
| 3    | Lecture:  
• The Humanities and the Information Age  
Assignment Due:  
• Final Project | Note: Students will need to read the textbook chapters related to their assigned final project subject area. |

Note: University policies, including ADA, course management policies, and technology requirements are included in the syllabus provided to the students.