

IS 200 INFORMATION LITERACY AND CRITICAL THINKING. (3)

This course provides an introduction to the concepts and practices of information literacy. It explores how to effectively and ethically find, evaluate, analyze, and use information resources in academic and everyday-life situations. Emphasizing critical inquiry and critical thinking, this course will explore the theories and definitions surrounding the term “information literacy.” Students will put this theory into practice by developing problem-solving skills that allow them to meet information needs throughout their lifetimes. Students will gain a better understanding of how information and knowledge function in society and will discover methods of finding, accessing, evaluating, and using different information sources in an effective and ethical manner. (Same as ICT 200.)

IS 201 GENERAL INFORMATION SOURCES. (3)

Information professionals play a major role in the information life cycle by facilitating the process of finding what others have created and accumulated. Their role is: to amass collections of information resources; to develop services to help people identify and articulate their information needs; and to enable people to find, evaluate and use items of relevance. This course provides students with a basic understanding of the information environment, as well as an understanding of the differences in the information behavior, needs, and uses of various user groups. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to critically evaluate and employ information sources in different formats, and be able to communicate with users to identify and address their information needs. (Same as ICT 201.)

IS 202 TECHNOLOGIES FOR INFORMATION SERVICES. (3)

This course is designed to teach the fundamental concepts of information technology in ways relevant to professional practice in informatics and the information professions. It explores applications of computers and networks to information problems. Included are features of hardware, types of software, commercial systems and search engines. (Same as ICT 202.)

IS 303 SYSTEMS ANALYSIS. (3)

This course examines and applies the principles of information systems analysis. It surveys project management, feasibility and analysis, systems requirement definition and resource allocation. It utilizes a structured systems development methodology that spans the entirety of the information system lifecycle, which starts with the conception of the need for a specific information system and ends with the implementation of that system. The course utilizes a case study approach in which students initiate the analysis and logical design of a limited-scope information system. Prereq: IS 202. (Same as ICT 303.)

IS 402 COMPETITIVE INTELLIGENCE. (3)

This course examines competitive intelligence models, functions, and practices; the roles of information professionals in CI, and the management of CI. Discussion and practice topics include: intelligence ethical and legal considerations; identifying intelligence needs; intelligence project management, research methods, analysis, production, and dissemination; the uses of intelligence; intelligence sources and tools; managing the intelligence function; and the evolution of CI. Prereq: IS 303.

IS 404 HEALTH INFORMATICS. (3)

Provides an overview of health care information systems, legal and ethical issues in health care, compliance and regulatory requirements, coding of health care data, quality management, HL7, data security, and HIPAA. Explores major applications and commercial vendors, decision support methods, evaluation of health-care information systems; and new opportunities and emerging trends. Prereq: IS 201, IS 202.