

LIS 9003 Information Sources & Services
MLIS Program, Faculty of Information & Media Studies, Western University
Winter 2021
Senate Outline

1. Course Information

Time: ONLINE, asynchronous classes January 11 - April 12, 2021

Location: online via OWL site: GRADLIS 9003B 650 GW21

Available at: <https://owl.uwo.ca/portal/directtool/a885671b-604b-4e87-9d5c-ef95f039ade7/>

2. Instructor Information

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Zoom or Skype meetings by appointment. Drop-in office hours Fridays 1:00-2:00 pm, eastern

Course Teaching Assistant:

To be announced

3. Course Description

Theory and practice of finding and using basic information sources and question negotiating techniques in information providing contexts, including libraries and information centres. Appropriate and effective ways of providing personal assistance to users in pursuit of information. Introduction to the principles and practices of searching.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. To introduce students to the theory and practice of using basic information sources in information providing contexts, including libraries and information centres;
2. To introduce students to appropriate and effective ways of helping both individuals and groups with their information needs by providing personal assistance to users and by giving instructional presentations to groups;
3. To provide students with an opportunity to practice the techniques of negotiating questions, finding appropriate sources, and answering questions;
4. To introduce students to the principles and practices of searching various types of resources.

Course Requirements

Students are required to complete all modules including required forum postings, and module exercises including those that will not be formally graded.

Grading follows the [Grading Guidelines published in the MLIS Graduate Student Handbook](#).

Class Schedule

Self-directed two-week modules will be released on Mondays:

January 11	March 1
January 25	March 15
February 8	March 29
<i>Research Week – February 15-19</i>	April 5 (final week wrap-up)

4. Course Materials

All required readings are available electronically through the course OWL site.

5. Methods of Evaluation

Forum Contributions = 20%, throughout term

Worksheets x 5 = 25%, throughout term

Annotated Bibliography = 25% [consultation with peers required but individual assignment], due March 3
Online Database Tutorial = 30% [individual or team based], due April 7

6. Statement on Academic Offences

Academic Offences - Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence at the following website:

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_grad.pdf

See also the section on [Academic Offences in the MLIS Student Handbook](#).

7. Support Services

Health and Wellness, including mental health support: <https://www.uwo.ca/health/psych/index.html>. Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Western's "Health and Wellness" at https://www.uwo.ca/health/mental_wellbeing/index.html for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

FIMS Graduate Library is your go-to for help accessing the resources you need for this course.

<https://lib.fims.uwo.ca/>