

LIS 2500: Reference Sources and Services

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**On campus in 406 Information Sciences Wednesdays, 6-9
Chat sessions most Sundays, 7-8**

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Course Description: This class is focused on the reference process and the student will

- survey the philosophies and theories found in reference work
- investigate information retrieval
- examine the use of information and the information needs of the users
- examine the role of instruction in the reference process
- examine the history of this aspect of the profession

Course Learning Objectives: Upon completion, the student will be able to

- formulate personal retrieval strategies
- understand information retrieval
- identify appropriate resources from a range of types and formats
- identify fundamental reference sources and subject reference tools
- consider the development of a personal teaching style profile

Required Materials:

Reference and Information Services, Fourth Edition (2011). Bopp and Smith, eds.

Course Expectations & Requirements:

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| January 29 by midnight ASSIGNMENT | First IPL deadline | 1 points |
| January 29 by midnight ASSIGNMENT | Search and Seize 1 - Bibliographic Tools | 10 points |
| January 31 by midnight ASSIGNMENT | Blog Participation | 2.5 points |
| February 19 by midnight ASSIGNMENT | Successful completion of IPL test questions and IPL Approval to participate | 3 points |
| February 19 by midnight ASSIGNMENT | Search and Seize 2 -Dictionaries, Encyclopedias, etc. | 10 points |
| February 28 by midnight ASSIGNMENT | Blog Participation | 2.5 points |
| March 5 by midnight ASSIGNMENT | Search and Seize 3 - Ready Reference | 10 points |
| March 19 by midnight ASSIGNMENT | Search and Seize 4 - Public Libraries | 10 points |
| March 31 by midnight ASSIGNMENT | Blog Participation | 2.5 points |
| April 2 by midnight ASSIGNMENT | Search and Seize 5 - Academic Libraries | 10 points |
| April 9 by midnight ASSIGNMENT | Lib Guide | 10 points |
| April 16 by midnight ASSIGNMENT | Search and Seize 6 - Special Libraries | 10 points |
| April 20 by midnight ASSIGNMENT | Blog Participation | 2.5 points |
| Completed by April 23 There are several Key dates throughout the term ASSIGNMENT | IPL – 4 completed questions | 16 points |

Grading

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| 100 | A+ |
| 95-99 | A |
| 90-94.99 | A- |
| 87-89.99 | B+ |
| 84-86.99 | B |
| 80-83.99 | B- |
| 77-79.99 | C+ |
| 74-76.99 | C |
| 70-73.99 | C- |
| 0-69.99 | F |

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