LIS 610 Foundations of the Information Professions - Gwen Sinclair
Primary Student Learning Outcome: SLO2 Professions (Core-eligible)
Prerequisites: None

Last ran: Spring 2021
Meeting days and location: Wednesdays, 1:00-3:30pm; Online (Synchronous) due to COVID-19

Course objectives:

- Become acquainted with a variety of aspects of your chosen profession
- Develop an understanding of the relationships and roles that libraries and comparable information agencies fulfill in the larger society, throughout history and into the future
- Develop capacities for research and critical thinking, particularly in viewing major social issues and problems of concern to the profession
- Gain experience in making information presentations to colleagues on topics of interest to the profession
- Understand professional ethics and be able to apply them to solve problems
- On a personal level, to understand the potential scope and dimensions of the careers for which you are preparing, in order to perceive your unique pathway to meaningful and rewarding work

Required texts:

- None.

Required technology:

- Computer with a reliable internet-connection or mobile device with a high-speed connection
- Use of Zoom & Slack, webcam and microphone, at least one up-to-date modern browser, and office productivity software
- You are encouraged to bring a laptop or tablet to class to take notes or look up references made during class.

Teaching methods:

- Lectures, discussions, guest speaker presentations, and group work.

Research methods:

- Historiography, critical incident analysis, evaluation research, and needs assessment

Major assignments:

- Librarian values presentation and paper
- Social issue presentation and paper
- Professional philosophy presentation and paper

ePortfolio-eligible assignment: Professional philosophy presentation and paper [Individual project]