Course Syllabus

LIS 672 – Technology for Libraries and Information Centers

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Course Description

This course is designed with the purpose to introduce students to the world of technology, as well as to cover particular software solutions that are utilized to support main library and information center services. The course is asynchronous and fully available online, so we will be using Canvas - the online learning tool for the purpose of going through the modules. After looking at the introductory concepts of hardware, software and networking, in the first part of the semester will focus on the historical developments of the library technology and information retrieval, and cover the Integrated Library Systems (ILSs) and all of their composing aspects. In the second part of the semester we will cover a plethora of technologies that are utilized by libraries, such as- digital libraries, institutional repositories, discovery products; but also, tech trends in general (i.e. cloud computing). The course will introduce you to the philosophy of openness in technological and intellectual property sense, and topics of open source software (OSS), open access (OA), and open educational resources (OER) will be covered. In the hands on part of this course, you will learn how to use Zotero, citation management system. Finally, by the end of this course we will look at the emerging and state-of-the-art technologies that should be part of the library and information center bundle in future. The hands-on skills will be related to introductory spreadsheet and citation management software (Zotero). The main objective for this course is SLO 4-Technologies, and considering this is an introductory course, no previous knowledge or experience is required.
General Educational Outcomes

Upon finishing this course, students will be able to understand and use technological terminology, necessary for communication with patrons, peers, IT staff, vendors, and other stakeholders in library and information centers. They will be acquainted with the core technological solutions and trends that are used in libraries, while being aware of the approaches designed to advocate openness in information technology and information (Open Software Services, Open Access, Open Educational Resources).

Student Learning Objectives (SLOs) & Course Goals (C#)

SLO4 Technologies: Evaluate and apply information technologies.

C1- Students will learn about different technologies, their principles, terminology, and usage.

C2- Students will be able to critically evaluate and plan for implementation of these different technologies in library and information centres, to support necessary operations and services for users.

Technology for the Class

The class is asynchronous and we will be using Canvas, a cloud based learning system. Some of the reading material will be available via class Drive. In cases where we agree to have an online class meeting, we will be using Zoom platform. For the hands-on sections, we will be utilizing spreadsheet software (Google Sheets or Excel) and Zotero citation management software.

Course Syllabus

This syllabus will serve as a general guide to the course, however it is subject to change.
**Student’s Conduct**

UHM LIS Program expects its students to conduct themselves in a respectful, responsible, ethical, and professional manner. The program applies the university's Academic Integrity Policy, and all students are expected to become familiar with and adhere to the professional expectations. Be sure to do all of the assigned readings, be in time for the assignment submission.

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Class Assignments & Quizzes

The classes are “unlocked” each Monday (midnight), and you have until Sunday (midnight) to fulfill the given tasks for the module. You are expected to go through all the resources in the page (linked words including), except in cases when a resource is introduced by - you might find further information - or similar phrase- that resource is optional.

You will be able to earn grade percentage during each of the modules. You can expect a short quiz after each of the pages with readings and resources (total of 1%). Make sure you go through all of the resources on the page before moving to quiz, because you can take it only once, and the time to take it is limited. Furthermore, for each of the modules, you will have an assignment pertinent to the topic. Late submissions will influence the total points earned, each day late results with -1%.

When the assignment is asking for a writeup, please use APA citation style when referring to other resources, and create reference list at the end of text. All inconsistencies with the style will influence grading. In Class 8 you will learn to use a citation management software (Zotero) that might help you with this.

Other Assignments (5%)

You will have 3 assignments each carrying 5%, and will be unlocked earlier for you to do them at your own convenience. Two of them are workshops (Spreadsheet & Zotero), and one is a public library assessment based on Edge library assessment workbook.
Midterm - 20%

Group assignment- ILS plan for purchase and implementation

Work in groups to plan and purchase ILS for your library. Make a justified call and analysis based on proof and strategic thinking.

Length- 10 pages, double spaced, not including references

Final Paper & Presentation - 35%

In this ePortfolio assignment, you will choose 3 technologies supporting services in LICs- one from the history (up to year 2000), one that is currently utilized (years 2000-now) and the anticipated technology that might be implemented in LICs to support future user needs. Feel free to focus on one of the technologies you have covered in you assignments previously, and to re-use the same text. For the future technology/service, make sure you use environmental scanning method (Class 7) and project at least 5 years in future- make sure to use your imagination as well as empirical evidence for the emergence of technology.

Write a paper and submit a video presentation (5-7 minutes long). Upload video to YouTube, and submit the link.

Paper Length- 12 pages, double spaced, not including references. Minimum 12 references, out of which 6 academic resources (APA style citation).

Grading Scale

100- 99 (outstanding work) = A+ | 98- 92 = A| 91-90 = A |89 = B+|88- 82 = B | 81-80= B- |79 = C+| 78-72 = C |71-70 = C-
Learning Material and Resources

All of the resources found in Canvas course are considered as required. That includes the text in each of the pages, links in the text, web resources, videos, webinars and tutorials.

Class Textbook


The bibliography for reading material can be found below, while other course material will be provided as part of the coursework in pertinent Canvas modules. The readings (mainly book chapters) for which the link is not provided below, and are not accessible online via library website, can be accessed in the class Drive.

Outline of Class Readings:

Class 1


Class 2


Class 3


Class 4


**Class 5**


**Class 6**


Edge Workbook (2019)

**Class 7**


**Class 8**


**Class 9**


**Class 10**


**Class 11**


**Class 12**


**Class 13**

3 articles of your choice