

## **LIS 661 Informatics - Dr. Rich Gazan**

Primary Student Learning Outcome: SLO4 Technologies (Core-eligible)

**Last ran:** Fall 2019

**Meeting days:** Mondays, 1:00-3:30pm; HL 003F

### **Course objectives:**

- Introduction to people as components of information systems and the information needs and practices of specific communities
- Model the information behavior of a group of interest to you and recommend improvements that align with their social and technological worlds

### **Required texts:**

- No textbook. Readings linked in syllabus and Slack.

### **Required technology:**

- Computer with a reliable internet-connection or mobile device with a high-speed connection, with at least one up-to-date modern browser, and office productivity software
- Use of Slack

### **Teaching methods:**

- Hybrid seminar/studio with in-class, fieldwork, and online sessions

### **Research methods:**

- Action research, content analysis, critical incident analysis, heuristic evaluation, naturalistic inquiry, needs assessment, participant observation, and usability analysis

### **Major assignments:**

- Reaction/discussion papers
- Fieldwork, report, and literature synthesis tables
- Proposal of information service and/or technology + final presentation

**ePortfolio-eligible assignment:** Proposal of information service and/or technology + final presentation  
[Individual project]