

SLIS 4620. Information Resources in the Humanities
SLIS 5620. Information and Access Services in the Humanities

Semester: 3W1 2014

Description

3 hours. Information resources, methods, needs and services in the humanities. Comparative study of individual fields. Communication patterns and bibliographic organization. Role of professional organizations and government. Representative problems and practice.

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Objectives

- To introduce a specific set of disciplines which we call the humanities.
- To guide the student through the process of how to learn about the literature of the humanities.
- To understand the information-seeking behavior of humanists.
- To introduce the types of information services provided to a variety of clients in the humanities.
- To introduce major information resources in the humanities including new technology.
- To develop the ability to evaluate and use information resources in the humanities.

Requirements

- Textbook: Perrault, A. & Aversa, E, eds. (2012). *Information resources in the humanities and the arts*. 6th ed. Santa Clara, CA: Libraries Unlimited.
- Assignments:
 - Reading reactions to textbook chapters and articles available electronically through the UNT Libraries
 - Information hunts using a variety of print and electronic information resources
 - Evaluations of electronic information resources
 - Final project consisting of the development of a written report on the background and information resources on an assigned subject area
- Exams: None

Schedule

Week	Topic	Textbook Chapters
1	<p>Lectures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to the Course• Historical Overview of the Humanities• The Meaning of the Humanities Today• Subject Literatures• Bibliographic Organization in the Field• Key Humanities Databases• Selection/Evaluation of Resources• Scholarship & Research in the Humanities <p>Assignments Due:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student Introductions• Reading Reactions• Evaluations of Humanities Web Sites	Perrault & Aversa, Chapters 1 & 2
2	<p>Lectures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information Services in the Humanities• Professional Organizations• The Government and the Humanities <p>Case Study: The Orchestra Librarian: A Career Introduction</p> <p>Assignments Due:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information Hunt: Print Resources• Information Hunt: Electronic Sources	Note: Students will need to read the textbook chapters related to their assigned final project subject area.
3	<p>Lecture:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Humanities and the Digital Age <p>Assignment Due:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final Project	Note: Students will need to read the textbook chapters related to their assigned final project subject area.

Note: University policies, including ADA, course management policies, and technology requirements are included in the syllabus provided to the students.