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Course Loads & Policies on Number of Courses

Three graduate courses (9 semester hours) are considered a full-time load for MLIS students. Members of the MLIS faculty recommend a course load of **no more than 2 courses at a time for students with full-time jobs and no more than 3 courses at a time for students not working.**

If you are working full-time and you want to take a course load in excess of 9 semester hours, you need permission from your advisor or the program director and from the Dean of the Graduate School. This policy is explained on p. 19 of the 2008-2009 *Graduate Catalog*.

Arranging Supervised Fieldwork

Fieldwork is a three-credit course, MLIS 7960. Consent from both your Adviser and the faculty member in charge of fieldwork are required. The faculty member in charge of fieldwork right now is **Dr. Yontz**. To expedite your fieldwork experience, obtain consents for Spring 2009 fieldwork by the end of advising week, Friday October 24. Report these to Dr. Yontz, and she will contact the on-site supervisor (the person who will oversee your fieldwork) and confirm your internship with that individual.

Planning for Your Spring 2009 Courses

The MLIS courses that will be offered in Spring 2009 are now listed online at <http://www.valdosta.edu/it/eas/sis/spring2009.shtml>

Early, Regular, and Late registration dates for Spring semester are listed on the Banner website at: <http://www.valdosta.edu/finadmin/financial/documents/RegistrationandfeepaymentscheduleSpr08Sum08Fall08.pdf>

MLIS 7430 Information Literacy

The course called Information Literacy was taught in Spring 2007 as an MLIS 7999 Special Topics course. It is now in the curriculum as MLIS 7430. If you are in the Reference Track, you may count it as an elective for that track.

SPRING 2009 COURSES

This list supersedes the proposed course schedule that was released last year. Please use it to plan for next semester and to update your Program of Study.

Codes used in the course list:

*Indicates a Core (required) course

TBA – to be announced – we are awaiting approval for hiring part-time instructors for these sections

* MLIS 7000 Foundations of Library and Information Science (Meehan)
3 credits, Face-to-face. 4 weekend dates. Required of all first-semester students.
Classes will be held in Atlanta at the Fulton County Public Library.

* MLIS 7100 Information Sources and Services (3 sections - Ondrusek, Meehan, TBA)
3 credits, Web format.
Prerequisite or Corequisite: MLIS 7000
A designated Reference Track required course

MLIS 7111 Information Retrieval in the Health Sciences (Instructor TBA)
3 credits, Web format.
No Prerequisite
A requirement for the Health Sciences Track

MLIS 7150 Social Sciences Information Services (Meehan)
3 credits, Web format.
Prerequisite or Corequisite: MLIS 7100 or consent of the instructor
A designated Reference Track elective course
A designated elective for the Health Sciences Track

* MLIS 7200 Management of Libraries and Information Centers (2 sections - Green, Oguz)
3 credits, Web format.
Prerequisite or Corequisite: MLIS 7000
A designated Library Management Track required course

MLIS 7260 Leadership in Libraries and Information Centers (Green)
Prerequisite or Corequisite: MLIS 7000
A designated Library Management Track elective course

*MLIS 7300 Cataloging and Classification (Yontz)
3 credits, Web format.
Prerequisite or Corequisite: MLIS 7000
A designated Cataloging and Classification Track required course

MLIS 7350 Advanced Cataloging (Yontz)
3 credits, Web format.
Prerequisite or Corequisite: MLIS 7300
A designated Cataloging and Classification Track required course
A designated Technology Track elective course

MLIS 7370 Information Architecture
Prerequisite or Corequisite: MLIS 7000 or consent of the instructor (Oguz)
A designated Technology Track required course
A designated Cataloging and Classification Track elective course

MLIS 7420 Literature for Youth (Instructor TBA)

3 credits, Web format.

No Prerequisite

**A possible requirement for the proposed Youth Services Track
Take either this course or MLIS 7421 to meet the children's literature
requirement for the dual MLIS degree – School Library Media certification**

MLIS 7430 Information Literacy (Ondrusek)

3 credits, Web format.

No Prerequisite

A designated Reference Track elective course

MLIS 7500 Computer Applications for Information Professionals (Oguz)

No Prerequisite

**A designated Technology Track elective course
A designated elective for the Health Sciences Track**

*MLIS 7700 Research Methods (Koehler)

3 credits, Web format.

Prerequisite: MLIS 7000

**If you have not had this course and plan to graduate in Spring or Summer 2009, you
must either enroll in this section or talk to your advisor about other courses that fulfill
this research methods requirement.**

MLIS 7710 Archival Theory and Issues (Richards, contact at bill.richards@gcsu.edu)

3 credits

This is a face-to-face class which will meet on the campus of Georgia College and State University (GCSU) in Milledgeville two evenings each week - Mon. and Wed. from 5:30-6:45 PM in the Arts & Sciences building, Room 216. Classes start on Monday, Jan. 12, and end on May 4. GCSU's Spring break is March 23-27. You may register for the course through the VSU Registrar's office using normal registration procedures.

*MLIS 7800 Capstone Course (Gaumont)

3 credits, Face-to-face. Required of students in their final semester of study.

Taken during the final semester of study.

MLIS 7950 Independent Study

3 credits, By special arrangement; Adviser's consent required.

MLIS 7960 Supervised Fieldwork

3 credits, By special arrangement.

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advising week, Friday October 24.** Report these to Dr. Yontz. She is the Faculty-member-in-charge
at present.

MLIS 7999 Law Librarianship

Cancelled.

In the Next Issue:

The November issue of the Advising Bulletin will contain a textbook list for the Spring 2009 courses.
