

To: New Students, VSU MLIS Program  
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Welcome to the MLIS Program!

NEWS and CHANGES... As you will read below, a second section of MLIS 7000 has been created. Key items of importance – we have admitted over 60 students for spring 2008. There are but forty seats in Atlanta. We have split the course into two sections – the first to meet in Atlanta, the second in Valdosta. Once the Atlanta section fills, it is full. There can be no further registrations for that section. If Valdosta is at all convenient for you, consider choosing that section. If you already registered for Atlanta and would prefer Valdosta, email me and I'll have the transfer completed.

This letter will give you some essential new information about your Spring 2008 semester.

**MLIS 7000**, Foundations of Library and Information Science, is a required course for all first semester students.

MLIS 7000 is a face-to-face course that meets on four weekends.

MLIS 7000 will meet in two sections, Atlanta or Valdosta.

The first is at **Atlanta-Fulton County Central Library**. Visit [http://www.af.public.lib.ga.us/central\\_library.html](http://www.af.public.lib.ga.us/central_library.html) for directions to the campus.

**Dates** for Spring 2008, Atlanta section:

January 26-27  
February 23-24  
March 22-23  
April 26-27

Atlanta-Fulton County Central Library  
1 Margaret Mitchell Sq, Atlanta, GA - (404) 730-1700

The second section of MLIS will meet at VSU Odum Library Room 1470. Directions, from I-75, exit 18, turn east into Valdosta on St Augustine. At light signal beyond the I-75 overpass, turn left on Gornto, then right at next signal on Baytree. Baytree dead ends at the campus. Turn right, then left at the next signal. There is a small parking lot half-way down the block on the left. Follow the path across the creek – the building before you is Odum Library.

**Dates** for Spring 2008, Valdosta section:

January 19-20

February 16-17

March 29-30

April 19-20

**Times** for all classes: Saturdays, 10-5; Sundays 10-3 (negotiable)

**Textbooks:** There are two required texts. *Be sure to get the specified editions.*

*Foundations of Library and Information Science* by Robert Rubín. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Neal-Schuman Publishers, 2004. ISBN 1-55570-518-9

*A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, Seventh Edition  
Kate Turabian, et al. ISBN-10: 0226823377

**Supplemental materials:** these optional items may be helpful to you.

Are Distance Learning Courses for Me? [http://www.cod.edu/dept/CIL/CIL\\_Surv.htm](http://www.cod.edu/dept/CIL/CIL_Surv.htm)

Christ, Frank L. and Loyd R. Ganey. *100 Things Every Online Student Ought to Know*.  
Williamsville, NY: Cambridge Stratford Study Skills Institute, 2003.

*The Librarian's Career Guidebook*. Lanham, Maryland: Scarecrow Press, 2004.

*A Day in the Life: Career Options in Library and Information Science*. Westport, Conn.:  
Libraries Unlimited, 2007.

The **course number** for Foundations is MLIS 7000. The CRN is the Atlanta class 22119 and for the Valdosta class 22485. CRN stands for "Course Reference Number," and you will need it when you register.

**Registration** for new VSU students reopens January 4 at 5:00 p.m. To find registration directions: visit <http://www.valdosta.edu/it/eas/sis/>. Look on the left for *Guides & Final Exam Schedule*. Then click on Spring 2008.

The VSU academic calendar can be found at:  
<http://www.valdosta.edu/vsu/calendars/academic.shtml>

Remember to confer with your advisor, if you have not already. You must confer with your advisor in order to be cleared to register.

Your advisor's name was included in your letter of acceptance from the Graduate School. Contact information for MLIS faculty advisors can be found at  
<http://www.valdosta.edu/mlis/faculty.shtml>.

First-semester students in the Program are required to take MLIS 7000. If you plan to take additional coursework, consult the “Course List for New Students” at [http://www.valdosta.edu/mlis/student\\_resources/documents/courses\\_for\\_new\\_admissions.pdf](http://www.valdosta.edu/mlis/student_resources/documents/courses_for_new_admissions.pdf) and ask your advisor for suggestions.

**Housing:**

Housing is your responsibility. There are many (m)hotels with relatively easy access to the Libraries.

**Lunch** in Atlanta or Valdosta: there are many restaurants. Or bring a brown bag.

Further questions about MLIS 7000 may be sent to me at [wkoehler@valdosta.edu](mailto:wkoehler@valdosta.edu).

I look forward to meeting you soon. Again, welcome.