Library Services and Technology (LIB)

Prerequisites for courses in this department are not automatically waived for College Guest students or students with a bachelor's degree or higher from a U.S. institution.

LIB 1000 Introduction to the College Library and Information Resources ................................................. 1 Credit Hour
English/ESL Placement: Placement into ENG 1055 or higher (or placement into ESL 1011 or higher for students taking the ESL sequence of courses.)
This course is an introduction to services and resources provided by college libraries. This course will explore fundamental techniques of effective library use and basic research skills necessary for college readiness. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 1

LIB 1100 Information Research Methods ............... 1 Credit Hour
English/ESL Placement: Placement into ENG 1510.
This is a beginning course which introduces basic library information sources. Through lectures, recitation and presentation of practical individual search strategies, this course explores independent use of libraries and shows techniques to achieve effective research. Emphasis will be on electronic and print sources. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 1

LIB 1150 Introduction to Library Services .............. 3 Credit Hours
English/ESL Placement: Placement into ENG 1510.
Pre- or Corequisite: LIB 1100 (Recommended)
This course will provide students with an understanding of the mission and roles of libraries including the ethics, values, and governance of libraries, and a basic knowledge of the functions of all positions and departments in a library. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 3

LIB 1200 Introduction to Media Technology ............ 3 Credit Hours
Equivalent: AVM 1010
English/ESL Placement: Placement into ENG 1510.
This course enables students to obtain technological knowledge necessary for library work. It addresses important vocabulary, concepts and skills relating to technologies used in libraries today and to the role of libraries in providing patrons access to and assistance in using technology. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 3

LIB 2000 Collection Management .......................... 3 Credit Hours
English/ESL Placement: Placement into ENG 1510.
This course introduces students to basic technical services functions as they relate to ordering, receiving and accounting procedures for a variety of materials (e.g. books, films, serials, software). Some of the topics include vendor/library relations, library budgets, serials control, and basic MARC format/tagging. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 3

LIB 2100 Library Cataloging ............................... 3 Credit Hours
English/ESL Placement: Placement into ENG 1510.
This course introduces cataloging books and serials in an online environment. The Dewey Decimal and Library of Congress classification systems, subject analysis, MARC tagging, Anglo-American Cataloging Rules and Resource Description and Access are also covered. It is strongly recommended that this course be taken only after completing at least one other LIB course or having prior work experience in a library. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 3

LIB 2150 Library Access Services .......................... 3 Credit Hours
English/ESL Placement: Placement into ENG 1510.
This course examines the various methods of library service delivery and expands upon skills necessary to develop a personal commitment to excellent customer service. It explores elements of access services including circulation, reserves, interlibrary loan, stacks maintenance and related functions. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 3

LIB 2170 Introduction to Reference Resources ........... 3 Credit Hours
English/ESL Placement: Placement into ENG 1510.
Pre- or Corequisite: LIB 1100 (Recommended)
This course prepares library technicians to meet the basic information needs of library patrons utilizing library resources in print and digital formats. The functions and roles of reference work and the policies and procedures involved in accessing information resources for patrons are covered. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 3

LIB 2300 Interaction and Collaboration in the Library Environment ....................................................... 2 Credit Hours
English/ESL Placement: Placement into ENG 1510.
Prerequisite: Completion of 6 Library (LIB) credits.
Corequisite: LIB 2450
This course prepares students to interact and collaborate effectively with library users, library staff, and others in a library setting to offer high-quality customer service. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 2

LIB 2450 Library Practicum ..................................... 2 Credit Hours
English/ESL Placement: Placement into ENG 1510.
Prerequisite: Completion of 6 Library (LIB) credits.
Prerequisite: Consent of Program Coordinator.
Corequisite: LIB 2300
In conjunction with LIB 2300, the purpose of this practicum is to provide students an opportunity to gain formal and practical work experience in a library. Students will have supervised experience of at least 90 hours in an approved library setting to apply and strengthen skills learned in other LIB courses. They will gain experience working in a library setting, including performing routine library tasks and communicating effectively with library users, library staff, and others in a variety of situations to offer high-quality customer service. Student self-assessment and reflection assignments and supervisory evaluations will be the basis for determining student performance. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 2

LIB 2500 Library Internship .................................... 4 Credit Hours
English/ESL Placement: Placement into ENG 1510.
Prerequisite: Consent of Program Coordinator.
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Students gain experience by working under the supervision of a librarian in a public, school, college, hospital, law or corporate library. Library placement is designed to give students a working knowledge of the library, including its functions and roles as they pertain to both technical services (ordering, processing, cataloging) and public services (circulation, periodical, reference). Students will be expected to prepare a journal and other assignments as directed by the program coordinator. (120 hours unpaid) BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 4