

Library and Information Studies (LINFOST)

LINFOST N1 Bib 1: Information Resources: Effectively Utilizing the UC Berkeley Library and Beyond 2 Units

Department: Library and Information Studies

Course level: Undergraduate

Term course may be offered: Summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 5 hours of Lecture per week for 6 weeks.

The explosive growth of the information world is threatening to overwhelm us all. With so much available, how do you find what you need? The goals of the course are to 1) Learn how to conduct research in the UC Berkeley libraries: students will understand how the enormous and complicated UC Berkeley and University of California library systems are configured and how their collections are interrelated; take advantage of the sophisticated searching capabilities of the online catalogs, GLADIS and MELVYL; and use a variety of printed and electronic resources. 2) Learn how to access information beyond the walls of UC Berkeley, including the Internet. 3) Understand the concepts of research: Students will learn how to create a search strategy that can be used to conduct research in any field; understand how information sources are structured and develop the ability to apply that understanding to new tools; learn to critically evaluate information sources. 4) Understand how information is organized and accessed and the role of information in society.

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