

# Information Studies

The minor at Baruch Summer/Fall 2009

## **LIB 3020 PRINCIPLES OF INFORMATION RETRIEVAL (Summer Course)**

Prof. Lisa Ellis, M/T/Th 11:00-1:45pm. 7.5 hours, 3 credits. Prerequisite: ENG 2100.

This course teaches the theoretical and practical principles of information retrieval in an online environment. Students will learn the necessary skills to become expert-level searchers. Techniques and concepts for formulating effective search strategies for a range of information needs and formats will be examined. Students will have opportunities for hands-on practice and experimenting with a variety of online systems and explore current and emerging challenges in information retrieval.

## **FALL 2009 COURSES**

### **LIB 3010 TOPICS IN INFORMATION STUDIES – GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION: LITERACY AND SYSTEMS**

Prof. Donnelly. M/W 2:30-3:45pm. 3 hours, 3 credits.

This course examines the geographic concept of place, and how information about places is constructed and communicated via maps and geographic information systems (GIS). Students will gain the conceptual knowledge necessary for interpreting and creating maps and will learn the necessary practical skills for finding and evaluating geographic information in order to make their own maps using publicly available software and data.

### **LIB 3030 ARCHIVES, DOCUMENTS, AND HIDDEN HISTORY**

Prof. Roff. T/TH 11:10-12:25pm. 3 hours, 3 credits. Prerequisite: ENG 2100.

This course is designed to provide students with an overview of archival research. By exploring the variety and nature of primary source materials both real and virtual, students will have the opportunity to study and interpret historical, social, and cultural issues.

### **LIB 3040 (COM 3040, PAF 3040) INFORMATION AND SOCIETY**

Prof. Bornstein. M/W 11:10-12:25pm.

Prof. Pena M/W 6:00-7:15pm. 3 hours, 3 credits. Prerequisite: ENG 2100.

This course examines the nature, production, value, and uses of information in historical perspective; the latest developments in information technology; the ways information is produced and disseminated and how they affect business, politics, media, science, arts, and culture; the growth of the "information society"; and major information policy issues.

### **LIB 4900 SOCIAL INFORMATICS**

Prof. Downing T/H 6:00-7:15pm.

3 hours, 3 credits. Prerequisite: ENG 2100.

Social informatics can be defined as the study of the production, distribution and consumption of information from social and organizational perspectives. In this course, students will analyze systems of information in context to gain insight into the basic principles of social informatics, as well as relevant social and moral issues. This course may serve as the capstone course for students who have completed two 3000-level courses chosen from the minor course listings for the information studies minor.

*Additional courses offered by the Library that are not part of the above Minor.*

### **LIB 1015 INFORMATION RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES**

Prof. Pollard, M/W 11:10-12:25pm. & Prof. Tuthill, T/Th 9:30-10:45am.

3 hours, 3 credits.

This introduction to the nature, sources, and uses of printed and computerized information for study and problem solving develops students' abilities in systematic approaches to analyzing information need, information searching, evaluation, and organization of data. Not open to students who have taken LIB 1016.

### **LIB 1016 INFORMATION RESEARCH IN BUSINESS**

Prof. Pollard, T/TH 2:30-3:45pm.

3 hours, 3 credits.

This introduction to the nature, sources, and uses of printed and computerized information for study and problem solving develops students' abilities in systematic approaches to analyzing information need, information searching, evaluation, and organization of data. Not open to students who have taken LIB 1015.

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