



Information Studies Department

Course Syllabus

INFS101 - Introduction to Information studies

Catalog Description: This course will provide the foundational knowledge necessary to begin to address the key issues associated with the Information Revolution. Issues will range from the theoretical, to the cultural; to the practical. Successful completion of this course will give you, the student, and the conceptual tools necessary to understand the politics, economics, and culture of the Information Age, providing a foundation for later study in Information.

Credit Hours: **3 Credit hours:** 2 Lectures per week 2 Labs. per week 0 Recitation per week

Prerequisites: None

Course Learning Outcomes:

1. Define the concept of information and its role in life.
2. Define and characteristics of information theory.
3. Discuss the relationship of information science to other sciences.
4. Clarify the elements of the transmission of information and its flow in society.
5. Discussion of the most prominent areas of information science.
6. Study of the concept of the information society and its properties.
7. Clarify the concept of the knowledge society and its properties.

Major Topics:

- Concept of information and its role in society
- Characteristics of information theory
- Transmission of information
- Information society and its elements .
- The knowledge society
- The problems facing information
- Information seeking behaviour
- Human information interaction

Text Books: Fundamentals of information studies: understanding information and its environment. 2nd edition. June Lester & Wallace Koehler. 2007



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Grading:

- ⦿ The grading scale for this course is:
 - . 95 - 100 A+ Passing
 - . 90 - 94 A Passing
 - . 85 - 89 B+ Passing
 - . 80 - 84 B Passing
 - . 75 - 79 C+ Passing
 - . 70 - 74 C Passing
 - . 65 - 69 D+ Passing
 - . 60 - 64 D Passing
 - . 0 - 59 F Failing

- ⦿ Final grades will be determined based on the following components:
 - . 60% Semester Work
 - . 40% Final Exam

- ⦿ Students may not do any additional work for extra credit nor resubmit any graded activity to raise a final grade.

- ⦿ Late submissions will not be accepted for any graded activity for any reason.

- ⦿ Students have one week to request the re-grading of any semester work.

Attendance Policy:

Students should attend 80% of the overall course hours taught in the semester as per the University regulations.

If a student fails to achieve this portion, he/she shall not be allowed to appear in the final exam and shall be awarded "DN" grade and repeat the course.

Cheating and Plagiarism Policy:

The instructor will use several manual and automated means to detect cheating and/or plagiarism in any work submitted by students for this course.

When a student is suspected of cheating or plagiarism, the instructor raises the issue to the disciplinary committee.



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Communications: Registered students will be given access to a section of the Blackboard Learning System for this course. Bb will be used as the primary mechanism to disseminate course information, including announcements, lecture slides, assignments, and grades.

Communication with the instructor on issues relating to the individual student should be conducted using CIS email, via telephone, or in person.