Course Profile: Electronic Archives

Course Number: LIS 7780 and HIS 7820

Credits: 3 Credits

Prerequisite: LIS 7710

Rationale for Inclusion in Curriculum:

The cataloging and application of standard arrangement and description of archival materials requires a unique set of skills separate from traditional library description. This course investigates the description of archival materials with particular emphasis on the application of electronic technologies and standard practices developed in the archival profession.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of the course students will be able to:

1. Create a MARC-AMC record.
2. Create an Encoded Archival Description finding aid.
3. Understand the coding language used to create Encoded Archival Description finding aids
4. Be able to apply agreed upon standards of description in the archival professions, especially the application of Describing Archives: A Content Standard
5. Understand the open source software available to archival professionals

Content:

Cataloging standards
MARC-AMC
Finding aid standards
DACS
XML
EAD
Archivists Toolkit

Course Methodology:

Discussions, lectures, practice computer lab work, coding assignments

Bases for Evaluation of Student Performance:

Participation, assignments, exams, MARC-AMC and EAD assignments

Text: To be determined