School Library Studies Courses (SLS)

Courses

SLS 4114/5114. Introduction to the School Library Program — 3 hrs.
Survey of school librarianship, functions of the school library, national and state professional guidelines and standards, ethical and legal issues; includes a field experience collection management project in a selected school library. Must be taken in the first semester. Prerequisite(s): junior standing; consent of instructor. (Variable)

SLS 4115/5115. Organization of Information — 3 hrs.
Application of standards of descriptive cataloging and MARC record for automated systems. Application of Dewey Decimal Classification and standard subject headings for school library catalogs. Administration of library automation systems for management of collections. Introduction of tagging and other web-based methods for organization of information and information sources. Prerequisite(s): junior standing. Prerequisite(s) or corequisite(s): SLS 4114/5114 or SLS 6223; SLS 6250. (Variable)

SLS 4132/5132. Library Resources for Children — 3 hrs.
Collection development process related to resources of elementary school libraries, with a focus on strategies for supporting students’ reading motivation and reading comprehension. Roles of the teacher librarian as both information specialist and teacher. Prerequisite(s): junior standing. Prerequisite(s) or corequisite(s): SLS 4114/5114 or consent of instructor. (Variable)

SLS 4134/5134. Library Resources for Young Adults — 3 hrs.
Collection development process related to resources of secondary school libraries, with a focus on the roles of the teacher librarian as both information specialist and teacher. Prerequisite(s): junior standing. Prerequisite(s) or corequisite(s): SLS 4114/5114 or consent of instructor. (Variable)

SLS 6223. School Library Curriculum Development — 3 hrs.
Collaborative role of the school teacher librarian in curriculum design. Study of curriculum frameworks and the curriculum integration of information process models, PK-12, with an emphasis on inquiry-based learning. Prerequisite(s): SLS 4114/5114. Prerequisite(s) or corequisite(s): SLS 4132/5132 or SLS 4134/5134 or SLS 6250. (Variable)

SLS 6225. Leadership in the School Library Program — 3 hrs.
Administrative and leadership role of the school teacher librarian, including organizational strategies, planning, and policy development. Prerequisite(s): SLS 4114/5114. (Variable)

Emphasis on technologies for school libraries, including design specific to school library websites (Librarian as program administrator), web-based tools for teaching the inquiry processes (Librarian as teacher) and tools for organizing information for efficient user access (Librarian as information specialist). Prerequisite(s) or corequisite(s): SLS 4115/5115/5115 (350:115). (Variable)

Collection management for print and digital reference sources and information systems for youth. Question-negotiation, search strategies, critical evaluation, and information use in the context of inquiry based learning. Prerequisite(s): SLS 4115/5115. (Variable)

SLS 6289. Seminar — 2-3 hrs.
Critical assessment of the elements of school library services such as Inquiry Learning at the building and system levels. May be repeated up to six hours with permission of the Division. Prerequisite(s): SLS 6223; SLS 6250. (Variable)

SLS 6290. Practicum — 3 hrs.
Experience in the function of elementary and secondary school libraries. Principles of effective collaborative teaching and inquiry based learning. May be repeated up to six hours with permission of the Division. Prerequisite(s): SLS 4114/5114; SLS 6223; or written consent of instructor. (Variable)

SLS 6295. Research in Library and Information Science — 3 hrs.
Survey of basic research methodologies and critical evaluation of school library research studies. The use of the research process to develop a draft proposal for a research study, or project. Prerequisite(s) or corequisite(s): SLS 6250. (Variable)

SLS 6299. Research.
Focus on the process of completing the research study, project, or thesis. Must be taken during the semester when the study is completed and may be repeated. Student must enroll in at least 1 credit hour during the semester the study is completed. Prerequisite(s): SLS 6295; consent of department. (Variable)