

West Bengal State University

Syllabus of Multidisciplinary Courses (MDC) in Fundamental of Library & Information Science w.e.f. from Academic Session 2023-2024 onwards

Course Title: Fundamental of Library & Information Science

Course Type: Multidisciplinary Course (MDC) for UG Programme

Total Credit: 3 (Theoretical)

Marks allotted: 50 (Theoretical =40; Continuous Evaluation= 10)

Duration: 45 hours

	Marks Allocation	Duration of Examination
Semester End Examination (Theoretical)	40	2 hours
Continuing Evaluation/ internal Assessment/ Mid-semester Examination (by the College)	10	
Total	50	

Question Pattern: Semester End Written Examination

- 2 questions of 5 marks (from 4 options): $2 \times 5 = 10$ marks
- 10 questions of 2 marks (from 15 options): $10 \times 2 = 20$ marks
- 10 questions of 1 mark (from 15 options): $10 \times 1 = 10$ marks

Objectives of Course

- To understand the history & philosophy of Library Science, types libraries, academic library system & services.
- To acquire knowledge about documentary and non-documentary sources.
- To enhance the Information Search Skill/Information Literacy Skill and to make students efficient enough to identify information resources for their regular study and research.
- To acquaint with searching and information retrieval tools.

Course Outcomes

- Enabling students enrich their credibility of library use in digital environment.
- Ability enhancement in identifying and access the various sources of information.
- Augmenting information literacy and digital literacy skill for access and application.
- Ability to understand basics of academic library activities in digital scenario.

Course Faculty/ Resource Person

- The Substantive College Librarian(s) of the colleges are mostly acquainted with this subject matter; hence Substantive College Librarian(s) with requisite qualifications are entitled to take classes as faculty member for this course.
- Substantive College Librarian(s) can be exchanged under Faculty Exchange Programme between MoU colleges affiliated by WBSU.
- The Substantive College Librarian(s) are entitled for paper setters, paper moderators and evaluators of the examination related matters.

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MDC: Fundamental of Library & Information Science (3 Credits)

Lecture: 45

Course Duration: 45 Hours

MOUDLE-1: Fundamental of Library Science

[15 Hours]

Library - Definition, aims, objectives, functions and services; Types of Libraries; Academic Library- Definition, types, functions and services.
History of Library Science, Library Philosophy, Five Laws of Library Science.

MOUDLE -2: Information Sources, Searching & Retrievals

[15 Hours]

Sources of Information (Print & Digital including Open access): Definition, Characteristics, Functions of different types of reference sources and their Importance.
Database searching and retrievals

MOUDLE -3: Information Literacy

[10 Hours]

The concept of Information Literacy, Methods of information literacy

Continuous Evaluation

[10 Hours]

Suggested Reading

1. Atkinson, Jeremy, ed. (2020). Technology, Change and the Academic Library. Elsevier.
2. Chakraborty, B. (1993). Library and information Society. Calcutta: World Press
3. Godwin, Peter (2012). Information literacy beyond library 2.0. Facet Publishing.
4. Guha, B. (2005). Documentation and Information. Calcutta: World Press.
5. Kerr, Paulette a (2010). Conceptions and practice of information literacy in academic libraries: espoused theories and theories-in-use. The State University of New Jersey.
6. Kumar, K. (1998). Reference Service. New Delhi: Vikas pub house.
7. Mahapatra, P. K. (1989). Library and information science - an introduction. Calcutta: World Press
8. Ranganath, S. R (1989). Five Laws of Library Science. Bombay: UBS Pub
9. Ranganathan, S. R. (1961). Reference Service. Bombay: Asia Pub House.