

**COURSE DATA****DATA SUBJECT**

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STUDY (S)

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
1007 - Degree in Information and Documentation	Facultat de Geografia i Història	2	First quarter

SUBJECT-MATTER

Degree	Subject-matter	Character
1007 - Degree in Information and Documentation	Sources of information	COMPULSORY

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SUMMARY

The subject Information Sources, Resources and Services provides an overview of the main existing information resources that can be used to meet the demands of users in the context of the reference service in an information unit.

It is intended that students gain the skills, knowledge and abilities to search, select and evaluate the best source of information for solving needs or requests for information in an information unit.

This course will teach the skills for the use of sources of information in different media, as well as the concepts needed to perform a critical analysis of such information sources.



PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER SUBJECTS OF THE SAME DEGREE

There are no specified enrollment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES

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Be able to apply critical reasoning to the analysis and assessment of alternatives.

Be able to detect the patterns of production and consumption of information in different areas (scientific, professional, business, citizen) and recognise the sources and resources of information available to assist users in their search for information.

Be able to identify, authenticate and evaluate information sources and resources.

Be able to search and retrieve information by methods that meet the expectations and needs of users in optimal conditions of cost and time.

Capacity to write analytical reports and summaries with regard to management and organisation of information.

Demonstrate organisational and planning skills.

Have computer skills related to the field of study.

Have problem-solving skills.

Have skills for information management.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

1. Unit 1. Reference services and resources.

- a) Definition, historical development and types of services.
- b) The virtual reference service.
- c) The reference process.
- d) Types of requests served by a reference service.
- e) Organisation of a reference service.



2. Unit 2. Identification, analysis and evaluation of reference resources.

- a) Detection of users' information needs.
- b) Definition of reference resources and selection criteria.
- c) Reference sources.
- d) Evaluation of reference resources in different formats.

3. Unit 3. Bibliographic and documentary search in the context of the reference process.

- a) Definition of the problem.
- b) Identification of concepts.
- c) Selection of reference sources.
- d) Design of the search strategy.
- e) Implementation of the search strategy.
- f) Downloading results and obtaining the original document.

4. Unit 4. Reference information sources.

- a) Encyclopaedias. Wikipedia
- b) Terminological information sources: dictionaries, glossaries, thesauri and translators.
- c) Biographic information sources: yearbooks, guides and directories.
- d) Statistical sources.

5. Unit 5. Primary information sources.

- a) Monographs.
- b) Periodic publications.
- c) Official publications.
- d) Gray literature.

6. Unit 6. Secondary information sources.

- a) Bibliographies and catalogues.
- b) Bibliographic repertories and databases.
- c) Indexes and journal alerting services.
- d) Documentary databases of referential type.

- a) Intellectual property: basic concepts.
- b) Academic work without plagiarism.



7. Unit 7. Academic integrity in relation to the use of information sources.

- a) Intellectual property: basic concepts.
- c) Citations and bibliographic references.
- d) Computer software for citation and bibliography management.

8. Unit 8. Information in electronic environments for the Reference Service.

- a) Internet as an information source.
- b) Search engines and "invisible Internet".
- c) Web 2.0 for the reference service.
- d) Use and evaluation of information sources.

WORKLOAD

PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Theory	30,00
Computer classroom practice	15,00
Classroom practices	15,00
Total hours	60,00

NON PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Attendance at other activities	0,00
Individual or group project	30,00
Independent study and work	40,00
Preparation of lessons	5,00
Preparation for assessment activities	15,00
Resolution of case studies	0,00
Total hours	90,00

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The teaching and learning process for the subject Information Sources, Resources and Services combines lectures where theoretical contents are presented with individual practical exercises in the classroom and computer practices.

These activities are supplemented by reading professional articles, public presentations and by completing practical assignments that cover different aspects related to the theoretical contents of the course.



EVALUATION

The evaluation process will take into account the following items:

1. Individual theoretical and practical final written exam (accounts for 50% of the final mark). It will be necessary to obtain a minimum score of 5 in the exam.
2. Practical work carried out in class and submitted throughout the course (15%).
3. Class assignments and public presentation of these assignments (35%).

To pass the course students must obtain a minimum mark of 5 out of 10 points in the final written exam.

In the second call only the final exam score can be recovered.

The presentation of exercises, questions, activities, reading cards and other exercises subject to evaluation that have not been carried out directly by the student or that come from the direct copy of other similar works will be considered sufficient reason for failure in the subject, regardless of the other possible actions of disciplinary nature that must be carried out. The presentation of the compulsory assignments will be exclusively through the virtual classroom platform of the course, no other means of presentation will be accepted, always within the time limits indicated. Late submission of the assignments will make it impossible to pass the course in that call.

This assessment is based on the premise that teaching at the University of Valencia is, by definition, classroom-based teaching. In this sense, students should be aware that attendance at both theory and practical sessions is essential for the proper understanding of the contents of the subject. Students must also bear in mind the possibility of part-time enrollments when they are unable to attend all the subjects that make up a complete academic year (60 credits). However, in duly justified circumstances, students may request to be assessed without attending none or some of the lessons. In such cases, the following procedure must be followed:

- At the start of the year, students must inform the course head lecturer(s) of the reason why they are unable to attend class by providing written proof.
- Based on this information, the head lecturer will decide on the possibility of exempting students from attending all or part of the classes.

To be assessed, students who are in this situation must submit all the assignments required by the lecturer (not necessarily identical to those required during the course). Also, they may be asked to defend their assignments orally in front of the lecturer, and they will have to pass a theory test. Assignments will be worth 50% of the final mark and the test will be worth the remaining 50%.

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