A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies , Goal EL - General Education/Liberal Studies Elect.

A student completing this course understands the process of finding, synthesizing, evaluating, and documenting sufficient and reliable information appropriate to a variety of purposes including upper division coursework, senior capstone papers or professional writing, and communication tasks. Students also explore a number of the contemporary issues surrounding information in society, have opportunities to use and/or visit primary resource collections and learn a variety of research techniques. Specific sections of the course will structure assignments around a course theme identified in the class schedule. Prior themes have included Civil Rights, Holocaust and Genocide, Crime and Punishment, Food, Immigration, and Health Care. Both themed and non-themed sections are offered every semester as are online and in-class sections.

B. Course Effective Dates: 03/01/2000 - 12/16/2006 12/17/2006 - 05/06/2013 05/07/2013 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Student can locate sources of information using traditional library resources, online databases, special research archives, museums and the web.
2. Student understands a number of historical and contemporary issues surrounding the gathering and presentation of information related to the class theme.
3. Students can evaluate information in terms of its quality and its appropriateness.
4. Students develop advanced level search strategies and find information based on the purpose and the audience of an upper division level research task.
5. Students learn to contribute effectively to a community of learners through a variety of oral presentations including book reviews and research presentations.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies
None

Goal EL - General Education/Liberal Studies Elect.
None

G. Special Information

Community Engagement