A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Prerequisites: WRIT 131 Writing I or equivalent.

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies, Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci, Goal 01 - Communication, Goal EL - General Education/Liberal Studies Elect.

Students will explore the history of libraries and special research collections around the world and be introduced to field research in local special library/archive collections at the University of Minnesota, the Minnesota Historical Society, Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis Central Library (Hennepin County) and the St. Paul Public Library. Online research with digital special collections from around the United States will also be a part of the course, including virtual discussions with curators. Students will have an opportunity to develop individual research projects, work as interns or explore other special projects using these unique special collections. All students welcome and supplemental instructional units will be provided for students who have not had library database instruction.

B. Course Effective Dates: 12/11/2011 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Students will develop skills in research using primary resources.
2. Students will explore the history of libraries through required class texts.
3. Students will participate in a community of learners that will discuss a variety of topics related to libraries, books, specific archival materials and special collections.
4. Students will explore community and university libraries and museum archives/collection materials available for scholars and can demonstrate their understanding of the purpose of the collections through written papers.
5. Students will demonstrate the ability to plan an upper division university level research project using materials from special collections.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies

None

Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

1. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
2. Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.
3. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.
4. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.

Goal 01 - Communication

1. Select appropriate communication choices for specific audiences.
2. Use authority, point-of-view, and individual voice and style in their writing and speaking.
3. Construct logical and coherent arguments.
4. Understand/demonstrate the writing and speaking processes through invention, organization, drafting, revision, editing
5. Locate, evaluate, and synthesize in a responsible manner material from diverse sources and points of view.
6. Participate effectively in groups with emphasis on listening, critical and reflective thinking, and responding.

Goal EL - General Education/Liberal Studies Elect.

None

G. Special Information

Community Engagement