



VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Master of Library and Information Science  
MLIS 7550 Library Systems and Automation  
Fall Semester 2011  
Three Credit Hours

Syllabus



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**Catalog Description:** Introduces fundamental concepts of computer systems automation in libraries and information centers. This course covers the historical context of applying computing systems to libraries, addresses the technologies behind integrated library systems, and surveys an array of topics related to management of automated computer systems. Prerequisite or co requisite: MLIS 7000 or consent of instructor.

**Course objectives:**

- To develop an essential understanding of the components of automated library systems
- To develop skills in evaluating automated library systems

- To understand the management issues involved in automated library systems
- To examine the uses of information technology in library processing functions
- To understand the linkage between library technology systems
- To increase the student's technical vocabulary by reading literature on topics related to library information technology
- To demonstrate an understanding of technology and industry standards

**Textbook:**

Title: Integrated Library Systems: Planning, Selecting, and Implementing

Edition: First

Publisher: Libraries Unlimited

Year: 2010

Authors: Webber, D., and Peters, A.

ISBN 10: 1591588979

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**Assignments:**

These are the general assignments for the course. Please check Blazeview each week for assignment details and due dates.

Introduction: 5 points

Evaluation of a library OPAC: 15 points

Functionality assessment of an ILS: 20 points

Library technology plan: 25 points

Technology plan presentation: 10 points

Research paper: 20 points

Class participation: 5 points

The library technology plan and presentation are group projects. All other assignments are individual projects. Groups will be 2-3 people.

**Course Grades:**

Students can earn a maximum of 100 points in this course as indicated above.

Course grades will be awarded as follows:

- A: 91 – 100 points
- B: 81 – 90 points
- C: 71 – 80 points
- D: 60 – 70 points
- F: fewer than 60 points

Late policy: for assignments turned in a day or less late, you will lose 10% of your grade. Assignments more than a day late will not be accepted. Assignments are due

Sunday night of each week at 11 PM. If you have extenuating circumstances, please contact the instructor before the assignment is due.

**Attendance:**

This is a web delivered course. All course communications, activities, and materials will be accessible from the BlazeVIEW web site. Students will need to check BlazeVIEW weekly for assignments. The instructor will schedule real-time instruction using Live Classroom as needed. All Live Classroom sessions will be archived (recorded) and will remain available on the BlazeVIEW course page for the duration of the course. Students will need speakers and a microphone for the Live Classroom sessions.

**Technical Requirements:**

All class materials will be placed in the BlazeVIEW course management program. If you are a new BlazeVIEW user, go to the BlazeVIEW help pages at <http://www.valdosta.edu/vista/students.shtml>. All written work must be submitted as attachments to the assignment modules in the BlazeView course website using Word or rtf formats. If you use any word processing program other than Microsoft Word, please save your document in Rich Text Format (rtf). All written work file names should begin with your last name and include the assignment name as the file name, for example: hansard\_technology\_plan.doc. The university's Information Technology department provides step-by-step guides on how to use VSU's email and other sources. The IT Help Desk is at <http://www.valdosta.edu/helpdesk/guides/> and their phone line is 229-245-4357.

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