

VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY
MASTER OF LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE
MLIS 7960 Supervised Fieldwork (GKR)
Syllabus--Summer Semester 2012
Three Credit Hours

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Catalog Description

Prerequisite: MLIS 7000, consent of advisor, consent of instructor. Graded “Satisfactory” or “Unsatisfactory.” A minimum of 120 hours in an approved library or information center. Learning objectives that are specific to the individual student's interests and goals will be identified collaboratively by the student, the on-site supervisor, and the instructor.

Learning Outcomes

Students will:

1. Discuss the application of theory to practice as demonstrated by the service activities at the fieldwork site.
2. Identify the relevance of content from other coursework to the service activities at the fieldwork site.
3. Describe the effect of the fieldwork experience on their career interests and plans.
4. Evaluate the value of the fieldwork experience to their professional preparation.

Role of Supervised Fieldwork

Supervised fieldwork is an elective course designed to provide a “real world” learning experience in an area of the individual student’s professional interest. Normally taken toward the end of the student’s coursework, fieldwork provides an opportunity to see how the theories covered in classes can be applied. In addition, the opportunity to gain practical experience and professional connections can make a significant difference in a student’s employability and preparation for a successful transition to the professional role. This experience may be especially valuable to the student who has never worked in a library or information center or to one who wishes to enter a new area of the field.

Requirements of Students

- 120 hours minimum at the fieldwork site
- Work Agreement
- Work Log
- Reflection paper