

Southern Miss School of Library and Information Science
LIS 580/587: British Libraries, Archives, and Special Collections
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Number of Credit Hours: 6

Nature of Course: Graduate Electives

Format of Course: The course will be taught in the United Kingdom with on-site lectures and guided tours by British librarians, archivists, and information specialists. This program includes extensive walking and taking stairs. There are also crowds in public transportation (buses and tube) and public attractions. The climate difference tends to affect allergies.

Catalog Description:

LIS 580: Comparative or historical studies of library and information institutions, collections, models of service, and professional practice in the United Kingdom.

LIS 587: Provides the opportunity for in-depth report using the resources of metropolitan London and/or the United Kingdom.

Course Overview: This course offers LIS students an overview of various types of British libraries and information centers including public libraries, special libraries, archives, and special collections while individual assignments will focus on an approved topic of their choice related to British collections, scholarly resources, services or programs.

Goals:

- To gain firsthand knowledge and understanding about the history, organization, and maintenance of collections in historic British libraries, archives, and museums
- To become familiar with the standards and practices of British librarians and archivists
- To conduct research on an approved topic related to British collections, scholarly resources, services or programs.

Teaching Techniques/Methods Used in Course:

On-site lectures and guided tours by information specialists in the UK will be supplemented by recommended reading lists. Writing assignments are based on scholarly resources gathered by the student on topics approved by a professor.

2019 British Studies LIS 580/587 Schedule (tentative)			
JUNE		10.00 am unless otherwise stated	2.00 pm unless otherwise stated
Sat	1	Arrive London – Orientation/Neighborhood tours	
Sun	2	London Explore Walking Tours	London Explore Walking Tours
Mon	3	National Art Library @ V & A Museum	
Tues	4	British Library Conservation Centre	pm - British Library
Wed	5	Barbican Library	London Explore optional activity
Thur	6	St. Pauls Cathedral Library	
Fri	7	Day trip to Oxford Bodleian Library	Christ Church Library
Sat	8	Weekend Explore – optional day trip to Stonehenge/Winchester	
Sun	9	London Explore to St. Paul’s Cathedral	
Mon	10	Blythe House	
Tues	11	British Museum Archives	
Wed	12	King’s College Maughan Library/Special Collections	
Thurs	13	Middle Temple Law Library	
Fri	14	Independent Study	
Sat	15	Non-academic day	
Sun	16	Weekend Explore – optional day trip to Brighton	
Mon	17	National Maritime Museum Library/Archive, Greenwich	
Tues	18	Day trip to Bletchley Park, National Museum of Computing	
Wed	19	Royal Geographical Society Library/Archive	
Thu-Sun	20-23	Mini break	
Mon	24	Independent research	
Tues	25	Independent research	
Wed	26	TBA	
Thur	27	TBA	
Fri	28	Final exam	
Sat	29	Non-Academic Day	
Sun	30	Depart for U.S. from London	

580 Course Assignments (Dates subject to revision)

Assignment	Due Date	Group/ Individual	Grading/ Points	Rubric
Attendance & Participation	Ongoing	Individual	20	
Book Reviews http://www.anobii.com/drtwelsh/books	5/28	Individual	30	Book Review Rubric
Reflective Journal (Blog)	7/14	Individual	50	Journal Rubric

587 Course Assignments (Date subject to revision)

Assignment	Due Date	Group/ Individual	Grading/ Points	Rubric
Research Paper	7/23	Individual	100	Research Paper Rubric

Grading Scale:

A	95-100
A-	93-94
B+	91-92
B	86-90
B-	84-85
C+	82-83
C	75-81
C-	73-74
D+	71-72
D	66-70
D-	64-65
F	Below 64

Class Policies

Students are responsible for reading syllabus content and becoming familiar with course policies and procedures. If a student commits plagiarism, that student will receive an F in the course.

Attendance and participation are an important part of the grade. Failure to follow specific instructions for content and formatting of assignments will result in lower grades. All work must be in Standard English; inappropriate grammar, punctuation, and/or spelling will result in lower grades. Topics for the research paper must be approved by the professors.

Academic Code of Conduct

Students are expected to follow the Academic Code of Honor, based on academic honesty and mutual respect, and the Southern Miss Creed: www.usm.edu/student-handbook/creed-southern-miss

Academic Integrity Statement

All students at the University of Southern Mississippi are expected to demonstrate the highest levels of academic integrity in all that they do. Forms of academic dishonesty include (but are not limited to):

Cheating (including copying from others' work)

Plagiarism (representing another person's words or ideas as your own; failure to properly cite the source of your information, argument, or concepts)

Falsification of documents

Disclosure of test or other assignment content to another student

Submission of the same paper or other assignment to more than one class without the explicit approval of all faculty members involved
Unauthorized academic collaboration with others
Conspiracy to engage in academic misconduct.

Engaging in any of these behaviors or supporting others who do so will result in academic penalties and/or other sanctions. If a faculty member determines that a student has violated our Academic Integrity Policy, sanctions ranging from resubmission of work to course failure may occur, including the possibility of receiving a grade of "XF" for the course, which will be on the student's transcript with the notation "Failure due to academic misconduct." For more details, please see the University's Academic Integrity Policy: <http://www.usm.edu/institutional-policies/policy-acaf-pro-012> Note that repeated acts of academic misconduct will lead to expulsion from the University.

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