Course Outline

LIBR 2195: Medical and Legal Libraries   [Modified for Summer 2018 term]

Credits: 3   **Transfer Credit:** For information, visit bctransferguide.ca

Course Description, Prerequisites, and Co-requisites:

This 13-week course in the Langara College Library & Information Technology Program provides a survey of key sources, tools and information systems used within two specialized subject areas and library environments (or sectors).

Learning Outcomes:
Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Identify major sources of information in legal and medical libraries
2. Answer a wide variety of commonly-asked legal and medical reference questions
3. Understand the ethical issues around providing reference service in legal and medical sectors
4. Understand and describe important issues in these special library environments or sectors, particularly related to sources of information, and the provision of library services
5. Identify and describe key library and information organizations that support the activities in these special library environments or sectors

Textbook and Course Materials:
Readings will be posted in D2L for each week.

Assessments and Weighting:
All graded assignments, activities, and projects must be completed to pass the course. Note that marks will be deducted for assignments turned in late.

- 15% L1 Assignment [individual]
- 15% L2 Assignment [individual]
- 15% L3 Assignment [individual]
- 15% M1 Assignment [individual]
- 15% M2 Assignment [individual]
- 15% M3 Assignment [individual]
- 10% Participation / discussions [individual]

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Grading:
 Library Technician Grading Scheme

Grade	Mark

A+   96-100
A   91-95
A-   88-90
B+   84-87
B   80-83
B-   77-79
C+   71-76
C   65-70
C-   60-64
D   50-59
F   Below 50%

Detailed Course Schedule:

- Week 1: Introduction to special libraries
- Week 2: Introduction to law libraries, and reference services in them
- Week 3: Collection management & formats in law libraries
- Week 4: Primary sources and online resources in law libraries
- Week 5: Secondary sources and intranets in law libraries
- Week 6: Services, including training and current awareness, in law libraries
- Week 7: Business research and future directions for law libraries
- Week 8: Reference services in medical libraries (Part I)
- Week 9: Reference services in medical libraries (Part II)
- Week 10: Online searching in medical libraries (Part I)
- Week 11: Online searching in medical libraries (Part II)
- Week 12: Trends and technologies in medical libraries (Part I)
- Week 13: Trends and technologies in medical libraries (Part II)| Course wrap-up

As a student at Langara, you are responsible for familiarizing yourself and complying with the following policies:

College Policies:

E1003 - Student Code of Conduct

F1004 - Code of Academic Conduct

E2008 - Academic Standing - Academic Probation and Academic Suspension

E2006 - Appeal of Final Grade

F1002 - Concerns about Instruction

E2011 - Withdrawal from Courses

Departmental/Course Policies:
Students must achieve a minimum grade of C (or S in S/U courses) in all courses required for the program in order to receive the Library & Information Technology diploma.