Course Number & Name:  LIS 672 – Research for Managerial Leadership for Library and Information Services

Description:  Research for managerial leadership is positioned within the larger context of social science research. The course examines the research process from conceptualization of a researchable problem, through the reflective inquiry process, to completion (including review of the publication process). The need for research in library and information science is discussed, as well as trends and issues, types of research studies, problem identification, and the set up and reporting activities of a research study.

- **Prerequisites:** None

- **Audience (level, environment/setting):** beginning PhD; all settings

- **Student Learning Outcomes:** (see models document for definitions of leadership competencies – www.simmons.edu/gslis/phdmlip/program)
  - achievement orientation
  - analytical thinking/problem-solving
  - information discovery
  - innovative thinking
  - strategic orientation
  - written communication skills
  - LIS domain knowledge
  - initiative
  - performance measurement
  - self confidence
  - self development

- **Topics:**
  - research in the social sciences
  - research in managerial leadership
  - research in library and information science
  - cross-disciplinary research
  - publishing process and scholarly communication
  - reflective inquiry (problem statement, literature review and theoretical framework, logical structure, objectives, research questions and hypotheses)
  - procedures (research design)
  - data quality (reliability and validity)
Suggested Textbooks/Readings:


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