

# LEAD CITY UNIVERSITY

FACULTY OF ARTS & EDUCATION

## Department of LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES

#### **COURSE DETAILS**

| Course Code:  | LIS 411  |
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| Course Title: | EVALUATION OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES |
| No. of Units: | 3  |
| Status:       | <b>C</b> ompulsory                             |

#### LECTURER(S) DETAILS

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**Area of Specialization:** Emerging Technologies in Libraries, Digital Library, Health Information System, and Health Communication, new media, e- Library, e-Publishing

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course covers evaluation concepts and skills associated with library and information agencies. It is designed to enable students to gain a working knowledge of evaluation models and methodologies and to apply these in library and information service settings.

## **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

The aim of this course is to assist students to understand the importance and how to collect data useful for documenting the quality and effectiveness of existing library and information programs and services, and to use that information for service improvement, demonstrating best practices, or providing evidence of accountability.

## ASSESMENT

| Class Attendance                     | 10 marks |
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| Test(s) and Assignments (Term paper) | 30 marks |
| Final Examination                    | 60 marks |

#### **LECTURE PLAN**

| Week    | Торіс  |
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| Week 1  | Overview of the course/ House Keeping:   |
|         | Overview of LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES                                     |
| Week 2  | Overview of the types of methods used in library and information services        |
|         | evaluation.  |
| Week 3  | Overview of the sources of information that can be used for the evaluation,      |
|         | including existing data sources and original data collection methods             |
| Week 4  | Types and Uses of Library and information services evaluation                    |
| Week 5  | Evaluation of library collections: Quality, Size, Use pattern                    |
| Week 6  | Test and   |
|         | Allocation of Topics for Term paper  |
| Week 7  | Evaluation of Reference services: Accuracy, Satisfaction, Service quality        |
| Week 8  | Evaluation of Technical services: Efficiency, Time to complete task, process     |
|         | Activities   |
| Week 9  | Evaluation of Online system: Complaint analysis, Page design, Location of needed |
|         | information, etc.  |
| Week 10 | Evaluation of Library Social media Platforms Complaint analysis, Page design,    |
|         | Location of needed information, etc.   |
| Week 11 | Barriers and obstacles to library and information service evaluation             |
| Week 12 | Term paper presentation  |
| Week 13 | Term paper presentation  |
| Week 14 | Revisions  |

#### **READING LIST**

- 1. Rubin, R. E. (2017). *Foundations of library and information science*. American Library Association.
- 2. Bryson, J. (2017). *Effective library and information centre management*. Routledge.
- 3. L. O. Aina, Stephen M. Mutula, Mutawakilu Adisa Tiamiyu (Third World Information Services Limited), 2008 Information technology 457 page
- 4. Calvert, P. (2001). Evaluation of library and information services.

## **TUTORIAL QUESTIONS**

- 1 (a) Differentiate between information and information Services
  - (b) What are the information services that a typical university and research library should render to its users?
- 2. Comment on the assertion that the provision of information services to users by an information services organizations depends on its management philosophy.
- 3. Users satisfaction approach is the best strategy for evaluating information services delivery by the library and information centre. Explain.
- 4. Analyze demand and use approach as the fundamental basis of assessing information services provision to users by a typical public library.
- 5. Illustrate with practical example how cost effectiveness method can be used to evaluate information services delivery to users in any information services organization of your choice.
- 6. Write short notes on the following:
  - a. Indexing and Abstracting
  - b. Loaning of Information Materials
  - c. Current Awareness Services.
  - d. Translation Services.
- 7. Demonstrate with practical example, how profit making approach can be adopted to evaluate internet services provision to users in a business information centre.
- 8. Users satisfaction approach is the best strategy for evaluating information services delivery by the library and information centre, explain.
- 9. Comment on the assertion that the provision of information services to users by an information services organizations depends on its management philosophy.
- 10. What are the criteria for assessing goodness of information made available to users in any information services organization?