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LIBRARY IMPACT STATEMENT (New Course Proposal)
LIBRARIAN'S ASSESSMENT

Subject selectors will complete this form as requested, assessing library materials and collections as detailed below. Send one copy of the assessment to the faculty member who requested it. Send one copy of the assessment to the Collection Management Officer.

Course: HIS 541, Advanced Topics in American History

Department, College: History Department, Arts and Sciences

Faculty Member: Erik Loomis

Date returned to Faculty: 7/20/20

Librarian Completing Assessment: Amanda Izenstark

Collection Management Officer: Joanna Burkhardt

Assessment of:

- Suitability of existing library resources;
- New library resources required to support the program;
- Information skills education required by the students; and
- Funds needed for library materials and services.

Please include:

1. What library holdings already exist in relevant subject categories. How much money is now allocated in the subject area?

The University Libraries hold a broad array of materials in areas covered by the History curriculum. Currently, \$8,000 per year is allocated for History purchases. Normally, we would expect the allocation for 2020-2021 to be similar, however the budgetary impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is unclear.

2. Does URI have the essential journals as noted in the Faculty Questionnaire?

No specific journals are noted. The History-related databases that URI subscribes to - America: History and Life, Historical Abstracts, and others - cover a variety of time periods and topics, and additional databases such as JSTOR contain relevant full text.

3. What new resources are required to support the course (including media, electronic, or other non-print materials)?

No new resources are required.

4. What information mastery sessions will be required for the students?

Students will need to locate primary and secondary sources, as well as materials for their historiographical papers. A session to support student research and citation in the field would support student success.

5. What is the approximate cost to acquire the materials necessary? Which of these will be continuing costs?

This course will not involve any new continuing costs. Acquisition of new publications for this course can be done through existing funds.

Based on my review of the Library Impact Statement and the syllabus for HIS 541, Advanced Topics in American History, the Libraries have the capacity to support this new course, and I support the approval of the course.

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