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Introduction to Queer Studies GWS 210G

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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: GWS 210G: Introduction to Queer Studies

Department, College: College of Arts & Sciences, Gender & Women's Studies Program

Faculty Member: Professor Rosaria Pisa

Date returned to Faculty: April 24, 2017

Librarian Completing Assessment: Professor Mary C. MacDonald

Collection Management Officer: Professor Joanna M. 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?
2. Does URI have the essential journals as noted in the Faculty Questionnaire?
3. What new resources are required to support the course (including media, electronic, or other non-print materials)?
4. What information mastery sessions will be required for the students?
5. What is the approximate cost to acquire the materials necessary? Which of these will be continuing costs?

I have reviewed the syllabus and proposal for GWS 210G: Introduction to Queer Studies and find that the URI Libraries have sufficient materials to support this course. The Library Collection Development Officer annually allocates approximately \$1500.00 for purchase of materials to support the Gender & Women's Studies Program, (GWS). GWS materials are also purchased from the Eleanor Carlson Endowment.

Searching the URI Libraries Search, our catalog, I used several different Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH) to investigate our holdings in this area.

For the Subject Headings:

Queer –4,820 items including print and online, books and articles

Queer Theory - 2, 317 items

Homosexuality – 32,000+ items

Gays & Lesbians – 8,000+ items

Gender Identity – 10,000 items

There are no specific journals requested for this course. However, students will be doing scholarly research and can make use of the following resources for that purpose. No new resources have been requested. However the syllabus does list books and films that students will be required to read and/or view. The Library owns copies of all of these books, and most of the films.

The Library subscribes to many databases that will support this course:

- GenderWatch
- Women’s Studies International

Also:

- Academic Search Complete
- National Newspapers
- Lexis Nexis Academic
- Jstor
- Project Muse
- PsycInfo
- America History & Life
Historical Abstracts
- Sociological Abstracts
- Science Direct
- Scopus

Digital Collections that will support this course, and other GWS courses:

- Archives of Sexuality & Gender: LGBTQ History & Culture since 1940
- Women’s Studies Archives: Women’s Issues and Identities
- Independent Voices (Digital collection of the alternative press including newspapers, magazines, and journal drawn from special collections of participating libraries. Libraries included on the following list <http://voices.revealdigital.com.uri.idm.oclc.org/cgi-bin/independentvoices?a=dcl&dcl=DCL1&e=-----en-20--1--txt-txIN-----1>)

As this course includes several projects that require information literacy mastery it is strongly recommended that the course instructors plan a library instruction session so that students may become familiar with library resources and strategic searching of these resources.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary C. MacDonald, MLIS
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