SLIS 5637: MEDICAL INFORMATICS
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COURSE INFORMATION

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GRADUATE CATALOG COURSE DESCRIPTION

History of medical information. Biomedical communication. Types of information resources and services related to the transfer of information in the health sciences. Computer applications to health sciences libraries. Analyses of current issues in the health care field and their relationship to health sciences libraries and information centers.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Introduce the student to the fundamental principles of health informatics.

2. To understand the environment of modern medicine and its relation to information.

3. To familiarize the student with information management and the application of information technology to health care.

4. To acquaint the student with biomedical knowledge resources that are basic to health care information agencies and health informatics.

5. To develop an understanding of the organizational structure of medical knowledge.

6. To present the concepts of clinical decision making as a foundation for health care and health informatics.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING SYSTEM

Readings
Reactions....................... 15%
Exercises............................. 50%
Term Paper.............................. 25%
Class Participation................. 10%

100%

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**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

The following is an outline of the course requirements, and instructions for each of the requirements can be found either by clicking on the headings below or by clicking on the "Instructions for Course Requirements" icon on the course homepage. Also, we have provided links to the instructions in the Course Calendar.
1. **Readings**

The readings, both textbook and supplementary, provide the background and basic infrastructure of health informatics. An attempt was made to cover the major facets of the field, but it is not possible to be comprehensive given the vast interdisciplinary nature and breadth of the area. You are strongly encouraged to go beyond the assignments to expand your horizon on the subject. Try searching for information on topics that especially interest and appeal to you.

Instructions for your readings requirement can be found on the [Readings Assignment](#) page, and you can also access the readings assignment page from the Instructions for Course Requirements icon on the course homepage.

- **Textbook Readings**

  The textbook for the course is:


- **Supplementary Readings**

  Supplementary reading packets are provided to add to textbook materials.

2. **Exercises**

The exercises are designed to complement the other materials in the course and to give you hands-on, practical experience in various activities related to health informatics. When you have successfully completed the exercises, you should have an understanding of some of the major aspects and activities you would be involved in if you chose a career in the field.

There are seven exercises:

- Software Reviews
- CDLP Part I
- CDLP Part II
- Medical Vocabularies
- Information Resources
- Site Visit
- Telemedicine

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Detailed instructions for doing each exercise and submitting it are provided on the Exercises page. You can also access your exercises from Instructions for Course Requirements icon on the course homepage.

3. **Term Paper**

The term paper is a major course requirement. The paper will be structured using the Evidence-based Medicine (EBM) research technique, which will be explained through reading assignments and lectures. Be sure to carefully read the assigned readings before finalizing your topic for the term paper. You should select your medical topic early in the course and then develop the paper in four steps:

- Topic
- Background of the Topic
- Systematic Review of the Topic
- Submission of the Paper

In developing the paper, you will actually perform the steps that an information professional would when interfacing with this technique.

Instructions for the term paper requirement can be found on the Term Paper Instructions page. You can also access the term paper instructions from the Instructions for Course Requirements icon on the course homepage.

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**READING LIST**

**SET I: INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH INFORMATICS**

**A. Health Informatics as a Discipline**

**Textbook:** Shortliffe, et al., Chapters 1 and 2

**Supplementary**

- Liebman, M.L. Biomedical informatics: The future for drug development. *Drug Discovery Today*, 7(20), 197-203. ([ScienceDirect](ScienceDirect))
• Yasnoff, W., et. al. (2001). A national agenda for public health informatics: summarized recommendations from the 2001 AMIA Spring Congress. *Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association, 8*(6), 535-545.

**B. Health Informatics as a Profession**

**Textbook:** No readings

**Supplementary**

- See the activities under this topic in the Course Calendar.

The following readings relate to "Health Informatics as a Profession." Both of these articles will be discussed in the chat. *Note: Do NOT include them in the summary of Readings Set I.*


**SET II: THE HEALTH CARE FRAMEWORK**

**A. The Environment of Modern Medicine**

**Textbook:** Shortliffe, et al., Chapter 11

**Supplementary**

Select five (5) of the following:

• Taylor, Kevin. (Jan/Feb 2000). The clinical email explosion. *Physician Executive, 26*(1), 40-46. (EBSCOhost-Business Source Premier)
• Teich, J.M., et. al. (Mar/Apr 2002). The informatics response in disaster, terrorism, and war. *Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association, 9*(2), 97-104.

B. Ethics and Health Information

Textbook: Shortliffe, et al., Chapter 7

Supplementary

• Berman, J. J. (Sept/Oct 2002). Confidentiality issues for medical data miners. *Artificial Intelligence in Medicine, 26*(1-2), 25-36. (ScienceDirect)

C. The Nature and Methods of Medicine

Textbook: No readings
Supplementary


SET III: ORGANIZATION OF MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE

Textbook: Shortliffe, et al., Chapter 6

Supplementary


SET IV: SEARCHING FOR MEDICAL INFORMATION

A. Information Seeking Behavior of Health Care Providers

Textbook: No readings

Supplementary

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Select four (4) of the following:

- Casebeer, L., et. al. (Winter 2002). Physician Internet information seeking and online continuing education use patterns. *Journal of Continuing Education in the Health Professions, 22*(1), 33-43. (EBSCOhost-Academic Search Premier)

**B. Information Resources**

**Textbook:** No readings

**Supplementary**

- "User Guides to the Medical Literature (JAMA)" Available at: [http://www.shef.ac.uk/~scharr/ir/userg.html](http://www.shef.ac.uk/~scharr/ir/userg.html)

**C. Managing Clinical Information: Clinical Digital Library Project**

**Textbook:** No readings

**Supplementary**

**SET V: HEALTH CARE INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

**A. Systems**

**Textbook:** Shortliffe, et al., Chapters 5, 9, 14, and 16

**Supplementary**

Select four (4) of the following:


**B. Tools**

**Textbook:** Shortliffe, et al., Chapter 17

**Supplementary**


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**SET VI: GRANT WRITING & THE FUTURE OF HEALTH INFORMATICS**

**A. Grant Writing**

**Textbook:** No readings

**Supplementary**

- The Foundation Center, [http://www.fdncenter.org/](http://www.fdncenter.org/)
- Grant Resources-Schoenbaum Library, Charleston, WV, [http://www.uchaswv.edu/library/grants.html](http://www.uchaswv.edu/library/grants.html)
- Getting Grants-Help for Grant Writers, [http://granthelp.clarityconnect.com/default.html](http://granthelp.clarityconnect.com/default.html)

**B. The Future of Health Informatics**

**Textbook:** Shortliffe, et. al., Chapter 20

**Supplementary**

# Course Calendar

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Health Informatics: Perspectives of Professionals  
Sources of Health Information |
| March 12   | WebCT                                             | **Submit** Term Paper Step 2 via WebCT e-mail to the instructor              |
| March 19   | WebCT                                             | **SPRING BREAK**                                                            |
| March 26   | WebCT                                             | **V. Health Care Information Systems**  
Systems |
| April 2    | WebCT                                             | **Submit** Exercise: Information Resources via WebCT e-mail to the instructor  
**Submit** Term Paper Step 3 via WebCT e-mail to the instructor |
| April 9    | WebCT                                             | **Post** reaction to Readings Set V to the appropriate topic in WebCT Discussions  
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