

Faculty	Arts	
Home Department	Library & Information Science	
Module Topic	Foundations of Library and Information Science	
Generic module name	Library & Information Studies 704	
Alpha-numeric code	LBS704	
NQF Level	8	
NQF Credit Value	10	
Duration	Semester	
Proposed semester to be offered.	First Semester	
Programmes in which the module will be offered.	Post Graduate Diploma Library and Information Studies (2829)	
Year Level	1	
Main Outcomes	<p>On completion of this module, a student should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critically discuss the history of libraries and librarianship • Interpret the legal framework within which libraries and information agencies function in South Africa • Articulate the democratic principles of access and intellectual freedom and the role of libraries play • Apply core theory to models of practice, service provision and standards of practice • Analyse the relationship of LIS with interconnected sectors in the broader information and knowledge ecosystem • Apply and promote the ethics and values of the profession 	
Main Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose and history of library and information science, library and information services and the profession. • Theories of Library and Information Science and related disciplines • Cultural, ethical, economic, legal, political, security and social issues surrounding the use of information that impact the LIS sector in South Africa • Information ethics and its appropriate and accountable use. • The position and role of the LIS sector in the broader information and knowledge ecosystem. • Identity of the LIS profession, and its role and contribution to society 	
Pre-requisites	None	
Co-requisites	None	
Prohibited module combinations	None	
Breakdown of Learning Time)	Hours	Time-table Requirement per week
<i>Contact with lecture / tutor:</i>	28	<i>Lectures p.w. 2</i>
<i>Assignments & tasks:</i>	26	<i>Practicals p.w.</i>
<i>Assessment</i>	3	<i>Tutorials p.w. 1</i>
<i>Practicals:</i>		
<i>Selfstudy</i>	29	
<i>Other: tutorials</i>	14	
Total Learning Time	100	
Methods of Student Assessment	Continuous Assessment (CA): 60% Final Assessment (FA): 40%	
Assessment Module type	CFA	