

Course Number & Name: LIS 427 - Issues in Information Policy (previously called "National Information Policy")

Description: This course covers a wide range of issues associated with government, national and international, of importance to various stakeholder and interest groups. The course, which is intended for information managers, focuses mostly on national governments, and it specifically examines basic information policies and, to some extent, those of international organizations; the policy formulation and review process; the political economy of information; information management in the context of life cycle management; and especially intersections and differences between and among stakeholders and interest groups.

- **Prerequisites:** LIS 407
- **Audience (level, environment/setting):** Levels: master's and doctoral—course provides an introduction to information policies and key issues related to those policies. The course might even to open to graduate students in other Simmons programs.
- **Student Learning Outcomes** [by number]: 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9
- **Topics/List of Lectures:**
 - The Setting: Information Policy (international, national, & organizational information) and Information Management
 - Types of Information Policies
 - Policy Development and Implementation
 - E-Government
 - Openness in Government, including the Public's Right to Know in the Age of Homeland Security
 - Political Economy of Information
 - Intellectual Property Rights
 - Globalization, Transborder Data Flow
 - Telecommunications Policy
 - Digital Divide and Its Closure
 - Information Policy: Assessment and Accountability
- **Suggested Textbooks/Readings**
 - To be determined
- **Course History:**

March 2005: new title (formerly "National Information Policy") and new description (voted 12/04)

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