

Course Number & Name: LIS 428 - United States Government as a Publisher

- **Description:** Within an information policy context, the course examines the life cycle of government information, with particular emphasis on public access issues, the evolution from distribution to dissemination, and the emergence of e-government—a multi-faceted concept. Students learn to navigate through a rich body of current and historical literature.
- **Prerequisites:** None
- **Audience (level, environment/setting):** no specification; for anyone wanting to learn to retrieve U.S. government information or to engage in information policy analysis (e.g., academic, corporate, public, ref/info services, archives, or other nonlibrary fields)
- **Student Learning Outcomes** [by number]: 2, 3
- **Topics/List of Lectures:**
 - Context (issues, myths, definition of government publication and record, government publications as an information resource, government as publisher/producer of information)
 - SUDOCs classification scheme
 - Information life cycle
 - Government Printing Office and National Technical Information Service
 - Landscape of information provision
 - Legislative histories
 - The public's right to know
 - Information resources and their producers
 - Technology requirements (U.S. government on the Web)
 - Depository library programs
 - Reference services
 - Management of government information department/collection
 - E-government
- **Suggested Textbooks/Readings**
 - None given
- **Course History:**

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