

**Course Number & Name:** LIS 446 - Art Documentation

**Description:** Generation, management, and dissemination of art information in art libraries, visual collections, and museums. Examination of art historical methodology and impact of new technologies of research; challenges of developing collections with unique format materials; developments in technologies and their impacts on art libraries; developments in cooperative programs to establish standards for cataloging, organizing and disseminating visual materials; interrelatedness of automated documentation projects in libraries, archives, visual collections, and museums. Course requires class discussion, reading and written assignments, an individual or group project and in-class presentation.

- **Prerequisites:** LIS 415
- **Audience (level, environment/setting):** no specification; art and/or architecture library or archive (could be within Academic, Museum, Corporate or other special environment)
- **Student Learning Outcomes** [by number]: 3, 4, 10
- **Topics/List of Lectures:**
  - Art librarianship -- the profession. Overview of basic sources and methodologies. Discussion of final reports/projects. Assignment of Short reports.
  - Collection development. Writing a policy. Various selection criteria and how to use them.
  - Reference and research sources and formats. how they are used and how to find them.
  - Intellectual access issues
  - Art vs. the documentation of art. Picture analysis exercise.
  - Visual Resources. Traditional formats, electronic formats. Uses and rights and reproduction issues. Intellectual access.
  - Archives and Photo Archives
  - Digital technology in the art library. Legal issues, intellectual property as it relates to the art world
  - Management issues. Changes in the teaching of Art History
  - Space planning. Library Security.
  - Class presentations
- **Suggested Textbooks/Readings**
  - None given

- **Course History:**
  - September 1992: Added as a new course (replaced the former LIS 436 -- Art Librarianship?)
  - December 2004: Discussed at curriculum retreat; description voted in 12/04
  - April 2006: LIS 415 added as a pre-requisite
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