

Course Number & Name: LIS 531I - Research for Generating Knowledge and Organizational Improvement

- **Description:** Students apply the principles of social research as applied to generate new knowledge and examine contemporary problems that information organizations encounter. They identify and investigate a researchable problem relevant to their concentration. They develop and execute a research proposal. All projects must secure the approval of the Simmons College Internal Review Board.
- **Prerequisites:** LIS 403
- **Audience (level, environment/setting):** Applies to the entire information professions and the different types of research (both basic and applied) that is conducted
- **Student Learning Outcomes** [by number]: 1, 4, 5, 7, 9
- **Topics/List of Lectures:**
 - Problem generation
 - Developing a research proposal
 - Execution of that research
 - Develop a written report
 - Develop and deliver an oral presentation based on that report
- **Suggested Textbooks/Readings**
 - Powell, Ronald R. & Connaway, Lynn Sillipigni. (2004). *Basic research methods for librarians*, 4th ed. Englewood, CO::Libraries Unlimited.
- **Course History:**

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