LIB 290

The Information Ecosystem: Becoming a Savvy User

Course Description

In this course, we will work to gain a greater understanding of your role and responsibility in creating and consuming information, in navigating the changing dynamics of the world of information, and in the ethical use of information. Course assignments and activities will help you foster enhanced engagement with the core ideas about information and the variation in disciplinary scholarship. We will ask ourselves broad questions about why information is valuable, how it is constructed and commodified, and how it can be used to marginalize or privilege communities of knowledge and practice.

Why Take This Course?

The digital world in which all of us study, work and live, requires us to gain a greater understanding of our role and responsibility in creating and consuming information, navigating the changing dynamics of the world of information, and using information ethically. Topics covered will include fake news, AI, media bias, data privacy, information privilege and more.

Who Can Take This Course?

All students are welcome. We especially encourage students early in their academic career to take full advantage while at CSUN. Since this is a one-unit course, this would be an easy addition to your schedule.

Semester
Spring 2026

Location
Zoom

Course Delivery
Online

Textbook
Zero Cost Course Materials

Class Numbers
20124; 20125; 20136; 20137; 20550; 20565; 20566

Days and Times
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
10:00 am to 10:50 am
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