

MANGALORE UNIVERSITY
Department of Library and Information Science
Master of Library and Information Science

LSE456: REFERENCE/INFORMATION SOURCES

Objectives

- To familiarize students with the meaning, definition, use and implications of Information Sources
- To study the primary, secondary tertiary sources of information sources
- To understand the electronic information sources
- To study human sources of information
- To know the current trends in information sources
- To study various aspects of information sources.
- To train students in handling information resources.

Course Outcome (CO):

- CO1 Understand the concept, types and importance of information / reference sources.
- CO2 Clearly understand the major information resources related to primary sources of information.
- CO3 Understand the important secondary sources of information like dictionaries, encyclopedias, handbooks and manuals, etc.
- CO4 Understand the relevant tertiary sources of information like directory of directories, bibliography of bibliographies, union catalogues, guides to subject literature, and evaluation of both print and electronic information source.
- CO5 Know the different non-documentary sources like human and institutional sources of information.
- CO6 Understand the concept, types of e-journals, e-books, e-theses, e-newspapers, blogs and wikis. Online Dictionaries and Encyclopedias of e-resources.
- CO7 Clearly understand the current trends in Information Sources different types of library and information services especially in academic libraries

- Unit 1 : Reference Sources: Meaning, Definitions and types; Information Services: Meaning, definition and Importance. Types of information services. **06hrs**
- Unit 2 : Primary Sources: Periodicals, Conference Proceedings, Technical Reports, Patents, Standards and Specifications, Trade Literature, Theses and Dissertations, Reprints, Preprints and Monographs. **06hrs**
- Unit 3 : Secondary Sources: Dictionaries, Encyclopedias, Handbooks and Manuals, Style Manuals, Bibliographies, Geographical Sources, Biographical Sources, Yearbooks, Almanacs, Directories, Library catalogues, Union Catalogues, Statistical sources, Abstracting and Indexing sources in different disciplines. **12hrs**

- Unit 4 : Tertiary Sources: Directory of Directories, Bibliography of Bibliographies, Union Catalogues, Guides to Subject Literature. Evaluation of Information sources: Print and Electronic **06hrs**
- Unit 5 : Non-documentary Sources: **08hrs**
- a) Human Sources – Consultants, Experts, Extension Workers, Technology gatekeepers, Invisible Colleges, Information Brokers;
 - b) Institutional Sources – National and International agencies, Govt. Departments, R&D Organizations, Academic Institutions
- Unit 6 : Electronic Information Resources: Meaning and Definitions, Types – E-journals, E-books, E-theses, E-newspapers, Blogs and Wikis. Online Dictionaries and Encyclopedias: Free and Proprietary. **08hrs**
- Unit 7 : Current Trends in Information Sources: CD-ROM, Internet resources, Discussion Forums and Information Gateways. Information Search-types, On-line searching, search techniques. **04hrs**

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