

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

LSS455: INFORMATION SOURCES AND SERVICES

Objectives:

- To understand the concept of information sources.
- To study documentary and non-documentary sources of information.
- To familiarize students with Print and Electronic versions of information sources
- To understand the Primary, secondary and tertiary information sources.
- To know the library and information services in academic libraries.
- To study various aspects of information sources.
- To train students in handling information resources.

Course Outcome (CO):

- CO1 Understand the basic concept, importance, characteristics, functions, and evolutions of both print and non-print sources of information.
- CO2 Gain the knowledge of primary, secondary and tertiary sources of information
- CO3 Know the categories of information like documentary and non – documentary sources as well as the human and institutional sources of both print sources and e-resources.
- CO4 Clearly understand the major print and electronic resources related to primary sources of information.
- CO5 Understand the important secondary sources of both print & electronic versions information sources.
- CO6 Trace the relevant tertiary sources of both print & electronic sources of information.
- CO7 Know the different non-documentary sources of human and institutional sources of information

- Unit 1 : Information Sources: Meaning, Definition, importance, Characteristics, Functions, evolutions -both print and non-print. **06hrs**
- Unit 2 : Types of Information Sources: Primary, Secondary and Tertiary sources of information; Documentary Sources and Non –Documentary Sources, Human and Institutional sources; Non–print and Electronic sources. **08hrs**
- Unit 3 : Primary Sources (Print and Electronic Versions): Periodicals, Technical reports, Patents, Standards and Specifications, Theses and Dissertations, Conference and Seminar proceedings, Trade literature. **08hrs**

- Unit 4 : Secondary Sources (Print and Electronic Versions): Dictionaries, Encyclopedias, Yearbooks and Almanacs, Biographical sources, Bibliographies, Geographical sources, Current sources, Statistical, information sources, Handbooks and Manuals. **08hrs**
- Unit 5 : Tertiary Sources (Print and Electronic Versions): Directories, Guides to reference sources, Bibliography of bibliographies, Monographs, Union catalogues, Textbooks. **06hrs**
- Unit 6 : Non documentary Sources and their Electronic Versions: Human Sources: Technological gatekeepers, invisible colleges, consultants, experts/resource persons, personal home pages, representatives of firms, and others; Institutional / Organisational Sources: Government ministries and departments, R& D organizations, learned societies, publishing houses, archives, data banks, information analysis centers, referral centers, Institutional web sites. Current Trends in Information Sources: CD-ROM, Internet resources, Discussion Forums and Information Gateways. **08hrs**
- Unit 7 : Library and Information Services in Academic Libraries: Reference Service/Referral; Library Use and Information Literacy; Documentation and Information Services – National and International; Current Awareness and SDI Service; Abstracting and Indexing Services; Information Product Development Services; Document Delivery Services **06hrs**

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