**GLIS 636 Government Information (3 cr) Course Outline**

**eCalendar Description:**

An introduction to the structure of governments and the nature and variety of government information. Emphasis is placed on the governments of Canada, the provinces, the United States and selected international governmental organizations. Topics include the acquisition, organization, bibliographic control and use of government information.

## Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of this course, students should be able to:

## Understand the nature of government information;

## Understand the policy environment affecting the production and management of government information;

## Demonstrate effective information search skills using different government resources;

## Determine and select appropriate information resources; and

* Discuss challenges and approaches related to the acquisition, use, and stewardship of government information.

## Assessment\*

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| **Assignment/Project/Quiz/Exam** | **% of grade** | **Ind or Group** |
| **Online participation (discussion forum comments)** | **10%** | **Individual** |
| **Case study** | **35%** | **Individual** |
| **Search assignment** | **30%** | **Individual** |
| **Research guide** | **25%** | **Individual** |

## Required Readings\*

Wakaruk, Amanda, Sam-chin Li, eds. *Government Information in Canada: Access and Stewardship*. Edmonton: University of Alberta Press, 2019.

Garvin, Peggy. *Government Information Management in the 21st Century: International Perspectives*. Farnham, Surrey, England; Burlington, VT: Ashgate Pub., 2011.

*Selected chapters from the above texts will be assigned. Both texts are available as ebooks from the McGill University Library. Additionally, a reading list of other articles and resources will be distributed prior to the class in which they are due.*