# West Bengal State University

# Syllabus of Multidisciplinary Courses (MDC) in

# Fundamental of Library & Information Science

w.e.f. from Academic Session 2023-2024 onwards

## Course Title: Fundamental of Library& Information Science

Course Type: Multidisciplinary Course (MDC) for UG Programme

Total Credit: 3 (Theoretical)

Marks allotted: 50 (Theoretical =40; Continuous Evaluation= 10)

Duration: 45 hours

	Marks Allocation	Duration of Examination
Semester End Examination (Theoretical)	40	
Continuing Evaluation/ internal Assessment/	10	2 hours
Mid-semester Examination (by the College)		
Total	50	

### **Question Pattern: Semester End Written Examination**

2 questions of 5 marks (from 4 options): 2 X 5 = 10 marks
10 questions of 2 marks (from 15 options): 10 X 2 = 20 marks
10 questions of 1 mark (from 15 options): 10 X 1= 10 marks

### **Objectives of Course**

- To understand the history &philosophy of Library Science, types libraries, academic library system & services.
- > To acquire knowledge about documentary and non-documentary sources.
- To enhance the Information Search Skill/Information Literacy Skill and to make students efficient enough to identify information resources for their regular study and research.
- > To acquaint with searching and information retrieval tools.

### **Course Outcomes**

- Enabling students enrich their credibility of library use in digital environment.
- Ability enhancement in identifying and access the various sources of information.
- > Augmenting information literacy and digital literacy skill for access and application.
- Ability to understand basics of academic library activities in digital scenario.

### **Course Faculty/ Resource Person**

- > The Substantive College Librarian(s) of the colleges are mostly acquainted with this subject matter; hence Substantive College Librarian(s) with requisite qualifications are entitled to take classes as faculty member for this course.
- > Substantive College Librarian(s) can be exchanged under Faculty Exchange Programme between MoU colleges affiliated by WBSU.
- ➤ The Substantive College Librarian(s) are entitled for paper setters, paper moderators and evaluators of the examination related matters.

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# MDC: Fundamental of Library& Information Science (3 Credits)

Lecture: 45 Course Duration: 45 Hours

### **MOUDLE-1: Fundamental of Library Science**

[15 Hours]

Library - Definition, aims, objectives, functions and services; Types of Libraries; Academic Library- Definition, types, functions and services.

History of Library Science, Library Philosophy, Five Laws of Library Science.

## **MOUDLE -2: Information Sources, Searching & Retrievals**

[15 Hours]

Sources of Information (Print & Digital including Open access): Definition, Characteristics, Functions of different types of reference sources and their Importance. Database searching and retrievals

## **MOUDLE -3: Information Literacy**

[10 Hours]

The concept of Information Literacy, Methods of information literacy

#### **Continuous Evaluation**

[10 Hours]

## **Suggested Reading**

- 1. Atkinson, Jeremy, ed. (2020). Technology, Change and the Academic Library. Elsevier.
- 2. Chakraborty, B. (1993). Library and information Society. Calcutta: World Press
- 3. Godwin, Peter (2012).Information literacy beyond library 2.0. Facet Publishing.
- 4. Guha, B. (2005). Documentation and Information. Calcutta: World Press.
- 5. Kerr, Paulette a (2010). Conceptions and practice of information literacy in academic libraries: espoused theories and theories-in-use. The State University of New Jersey.
- 6. Kumar, K. (1998). Reference Service. New Delhi: Vikas pub house.
- 7. Mahapatra, P. K. (1989). Library and information science an introduction. Calcutta: World Press
- 8. Ranganath, S. R (1989). Five Laws of Library Science. Bombay: UBS Pub
- 9. Ranganathan, S. R. (1961). Reference Service. Bombay: Asia Pub House.