

Competencies and curriculum for Information Literacy

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1- Brief presentation of enssib

- Students: future librarians who will work in Public, Academic or national libraries
- Wide, general curriculum covering numerous subjects in a short time
- Students come from different disciplines (mot often with at least a master degree) and they add a professional competency to their initial training – Master in LIS (1 year + 6 months internship)



European curriculum reflections on Library and Information science Education, 2005

- "Library and information professionals have a special role in the process in which people become information literate. Thus they have to learn to do this effectively.
- It is essential for LIS students:
- a- to be aware of IL as a concept
- b- to become information literate themselves
- c- to learn about some key aspects of teaching IL "



How does enssib curriculum answer this assertion in the teaching of IL?



2-IL in the curriculum

- A general introduction about IL to all students (12 hours)
- An optional course "training the trainers" (30 hours)
- Moving from " "kwoledge transfer models" to "knowledge construction models" S. Virkus, p.75



3- How does enssib curriculum answer the above assertion in the teaching of IL? Teaching the students - to be aware of IL as a concept

- Presentation of the concept of IL and the main models (+ bibliography) = lectures
- Teaching the students- to become information literate themselves



Teaching the students- to learn about some key aspects of teaching IL

 In the optional course. Theory but mostly practice. Case study. Approaching different pedagogical models by practising them.



4- Which competencies are required to teach information literacy? Educational + information competencies

- Competencies in information retrieval and information seeking
- Pedagogical competencies
- Communicational skills
- Minimum competencies in the discipline (i.e : in Literature if you are to teach students in literature)



Competencies and curriculum for Information literacy = Work in progress at enssib!

Thank you for your attention

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