Internet and Society

**FIG 28 • Fall 2016**

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**10 credits**

**Library Information Studies 301**  
Information Literacies in Online Spaces

**Communication Arts 346**  
Critical Internet Studies

**Library Information Studies 201**  
The Information Society

**MAIN COURSE**

The main seminar in this FIG, **Library Information Systems 301: “Information Literacies in Online Spaces”** explores the information and digital literacies needed by today’s online consumers and producers. Issues to be covered include access (digital divides, power relations in online communities, regulation), analysis (assessing credibility, evaluating risks, analyzing representation), and production (editing Wikipedia, creating animations, game making). This course engages you in key debates and research related to digital literacies, connects with concepts covered in the other FIG courses, and develops information literacies. The three courses that comprise this FIG will prepare you with reading, writing, and analytical skills that will be useful across the humanities and social sciences. Many students from past “Internet and Society” FIGs have chosen majors in journalism, communication arts, economics, and computer sciences.

**LINKED COURSE**

**Library Information Studies 201: ”The Information Society”**  — Explores the ways in which information—in oral, print, broadcast, and digital/networked forms—has been tied to notions of democracy, capitalism, social justice, and progress in American history. Coursework involves a significant online component, including blogging and podcasting.

All three courses on this FIG count toward the UW’s Digital Studies Certificate. For this achievement, students complete 15 credits that include one core course and four additional topical courses. **Library Information Studies 201** is a core course; **Communication Arts 346** and **Library Information Studies 301** are topical courses. After completing this FIG, only two additional topical courses are needed to qualify students for the Digital Studies Certificate.
Enrolled in a FIG and you change your mind?

FIG courses are designed to be taken together. When you enroll in a FIG, you are signed up for these courses as a whole group, not as separate courses.

If you change your mind, dropping one FIG course means ending your enrollment in all of the courses in the FIG.

So, here’s what you should know if you want to drop the FIG:

• You can drop all the courses on your own through your Student Center at my.wisc.edu. Any non-FIG course will not be affected.

• After classes begin (Tuesday, September 6, 2016), if you need to drop a single course within the FIG, please contact Kari Fernholz (see below) to review your situation. If necessary, she will provide the required authorization to drop the course.

• Wednesday, September 14, 2016 is the last day to drop courses without it appearing on your college transcript.

• Friday, September 16, 2016 is the last day to add a course without first getting departmental approval.

Library Information Studies 301  
Information Literacies in Online Spaces  
satisfies these requirements:  
Social Science (S)  
Elementary (E)  
3 credits for this course  
SOAR registration: 44059

Communication Arts 346  
Critical Internet Studies  
satisfies these requirements:  
Humanities (H)  
Intermediate (I)  
3 credits for this course  
SOAR registration: 42638

Library Information Studies 201  
The Information Society  
satisfies these requirements:  
Comm B (b)  
Humanities or Social Science (Z)  
Elementary (E)  
4 credits for this course  
SOAR registration: 41517