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 (not 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 “

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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 “knowledge 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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