

Collection Development in the Digital Age

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Module Aims

This module aims to examine and develop a critical understanding of the policies and processes involved in developing and managing collections in an increasingly digitised world

Learning Outcomes/Objectives

On completion of the module students will be able to:

- explain the nature and range of professional debate around collection issues
- identify the factors determining the importance and success of collection development and management
- analyse and evaluate the significance and implications of digital sources and digital archiving
- critically assess the nature and range of co-operative initiatives
- participate in the design and implementation of collection development policies

Content

- Policy debates and priorities
- Collection development and management in theory and practice
- The successful collection
- Digital resources
- Co-operation and collaboration

Learning and Teaching Strategies

Teaching will be through a mixture of lectures, discussions and workshops.

This module is taken by students on our MSc Information Management course and so attendees taking it as a one-off training course will be working alongside MSc students. You will have the option of completing the post-attendance assessment should you wish and earning credits that may be counted towards a postgraduate award – if you think you might be interested in doing this please ask Audrey Marshall for more details: a.m.marshall@brighton.ac.uk

Assessment (optional)

- A 3000 word essay. To discuss the key issues relevant to collection development in contemporary library and information services. 60%
- A framework for a collection management policy for an approved library or information service. 40%

Pre-attendance Preparation

Prepare a short presentation (10 minutes) on an information collection with which you are familiar or which interests you e.g. related to an interest or hobby.

In your work organisation, think about the collections to be managed. Identify any policies pertaining to collection development/management.