Independent Information Profession Education Courses

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Following is a listing of graduate degree courses and seminars that focus primarily on the entrepreneurial aspect of establishing an independent information business. Keep in mind that some of the courses listed here are not taught every year. Check the school web site for semesters and years that the course will be taught, or contact the school.

Most of the schools on this list have courses that pertain to our work, such as information retrieval, copyright issues, ethics of information exchange, and topic-specific informational research skills. For a listing of schools with American Library Association-accredited graduate programs in library and information science, see www.ala.org/ala/accreditation/lisdirb.

At the end of the list you will find a few other options that don't focus as much on the business aspect, but rather on the skills and knowledge that independent information professionals need.

Independent Info Pro / Entrepreneurial Courses Within Universities:

Emporia State University
School of Library and Information Management
PO Box 4025
Emporia, KS 66801
Phone: 316-341-5203
http://slim.emporia.edu/program/syllabus/syllabus.htm
Information Brokering, LI 852

McGill University
Graduate School in Library and Information Studies
3459 McTavish Street
Montreal, Quebec
Canada H3A 1Y1
Phone: 514-398-4204
http://www.gslis.mcgill.ca/program.htm
Marketing Information Services, GLIS 624
San José State University  
School of Library and Information Science  
One Washington Square  
San Jose, CA  95192  
Phone: 408-924-2490  
http://slisweb.sjsu.edu/classes/coursedesc.htm  
Seminar in Information Science: New and Alternative Careers For Librarians and Information Professionals, LIBR 287

Simmons College  
Graduate School of Library and Information Science  
300 The Fenway  
Boston, MA 02115-5898  
Phone: 617-521-2800  
http://www.simmons.edu/gslis/programs/index.html  
Information Entrepreneurship, LIS 478

Syracuse University  
School of Information Studies  
4-206 Center for Science and Technology  
Syracuse, NY 13244-4100  
Phone: 315-443-2911  
http://istweb.syr.edu/courses/  
Developing an Information Business, IST 525

University of Denver  
Library and Information Science Program  
2135 E. Wesley Ave.  
Denver, CO 80208  
Phone: 303.871.2747  
http://www.du.edu/LIS/  
Alternative Careers for Librarians, LIS 4610

University of Illinois – Urbana/Champaign  
Graduate School of Library and Information Science  
501 E. Daniel Street  
Champaign, IL 61820  
Phone: 217-333-7197  
http://alexia.lis.uiuc.edu  
Information Consulting, LIS 590IC

University of Michigan  
School of Information  
304 West Hall  
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1092  
Phone: 734-763-2285  
http://www.si.umich.edu/courses/  
Entrepreneurship in the Information Industry, SI 663
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
School of Information and Library Science
CB #3360 100 Manning Hall
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3360
Phone: 919-962-8366
http://sil.s.unc.edu/programs/courses/descriptions.html
Marketing of Information Services, INLS 237

University of Tennessee
School of Information Sciences
804 Volunteer Boulevard
Knoxville, TN 37996-4330
Phone: 423-974-2148
http://www.sis.utk.edu/courses/
The Information Industry, F537

University of Texas at Austin
Graduate School of Library and Information Science
Sanchez Building (SZB) 564
1 University Station D7000
Austin, TX 78712-0390
Phone: 512-471-3821
http://www.glis.utexas.edu/courses/course_descriptions.php
Information Marketing, INF 387.2

University of Wisconsin
School of Information Studies
P.O. Box 413
Milwaukee, WI 53201
http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/SOIS/
Information Marketing, 640
Other Options:

Simmons College
Graduate School of Library and Information Science
300 The Fenway
Boston, MA 02115-5898
Phone: 617-521-2800
http://www.simmons.edu/gslis/continuinged/workshops/online.shtml#careers
Online Workshop: Alternative and Nontraditional Careers for Library and Information Professionals.

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Marketing Base
Phone: 800-544-5924 or 707-829-9421
http://www.marketingbase.com/mentor.html
Information Broker Mentor Program