LSS456: ACADEMIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

Objectives:

- To encourage life-long learning among students to make them more knowledgeable in academic library system;
- To understand the concept, importance, functions, services and different types of academic libraries;
- To know the background of development of higher education in India;
- To acquaintance with different academic library network and consortia;
- To understand the collection development policy and technical processing;
- To provide an understanding of need, and different types of library and information service support to academic libraries;
- To study about the library finance, budgeting and infrastructure.

Course Outcome (CO):

CO1   Define the basic objectives of academic libraries;
CO2   Identify the differences in school, college and university libraries;
CO3   Explain the services and extension activities of academic libraries;
CO4   Understanding the historical development of higher education in India;
CO5   Awareness of different types of networks and consortia available at both national and international level;
CO6   Able to understand the collection development policy including technical processing;
CO 7   Gain the knowledge of library finance and infrastructure.

Unit 1	:	**Academic Libraries:** – Meaning, definition, importance, functions, services and types of academic libraries; – Users of academic libraries: types of users and their needs.	08hrs
Unit 2	:	**Higher Education and Libraries:** – History and development of higher education in India; – Role of UGC in the development of higher education; – Monitoring / accreditation agencies in India - NAAC, NBA; – Role of knowledge commission in higher education.	06hrs
Unit 3	:	**Networking and Resource Sharing in Academic Libraries:** - **Resource Sharing**: – Meaning, definitions, objectives, advantages, and disadvantages. - **Library Networks**: – Meaning, definitions, the study of various library and information networks – national: INFLIBNET, DELNET; international – CALIS, JANET, OCLC.	12hrs

		- **Library Consortia**: – Meaning, definitions, objectives, types, study of various library consortia – national: FORSA, NKRC, HELINET, CeRA , ICMR, SPACENET, e-ShodhSindhu and international: RLUK, ICOLC , EIFL, SANLIC, CONCERT, CARLI, etc. Study of academic library networks: OCLC, INFLIBNET, DELNET.	
Unit 4	:	**Collection Development in Academic Libraries:** – Types and character of academic library collection; – Acquisition of documents: selection, policy, and procedures, maintenance; – User participation in collection development. – Information technology impact. – Problems of collection development.	06hrs
Unit 5	:	**Library and Information Services in Academic Libraries:** – Reference service; – Referral service; – Current awareness service; – Selective dissemination information service; – Abstracting and indexing services; – Document delivery services; – Translation services; – Online services: Alerting services - Listservs and FAQ; – Extension activities.	10hrs
Unit 6		**Library Finance and Infrastructure:** - Academic library finance and budgeting; - Human resource management; - Library buildings and equipments.	06hrs
		Total	**48hrs**

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