Course Descriptions

School Librarianship

- **SLIB 500 - Foundations of School Librarianship**
  
  3 credits.  
  Exploration of current standards and guidelines related to the instructional role of school librarians and focusing on teaching for learning, collaborative partnerships, and integration of twenty-first century skills, learning standards, and technologies.

  Prerequisite(s): None.

- **SLIB 510 - Collection Development**
  
  3 credits.  
  Theories and principles of analysis, selection, development, evaluation, and management of resources for a school library to support diverse learning needs. Includes professional ethics and the principles of intellectual freedom.

  Prerequisite(s): None.

- **SLIB 520 - Library Resources for Children**
  
  3 credits.  
  Survey of children's literature in multiple formats and of resources used to support and promote reading for information, reading for pleasure, and reading for lifelong learning.

  Prerequisite(s): None.

- **SLIB 530 - Library Resources for Young Adults**
  
  3 credits.  
  Survey of young adult literature in multiple formats and of resources used to support and promote reading for information, reading for pleasure, and reading for lifelong learning.

  Prerequisite(s): None.
• **SLIB 560 - Information Sources and Services**

  **3 credits.**
  Survey of information sources and services, instruction for efficient and ethical information-seeking behavior, and equitable access to information in a variety of formats in school libraries.

  Prerequisite(s): None.

• **SLIB 570 - Curriculum and Instructional Procedures for School Librarians**

  **3 credits**
  Exploration of best practices in education through the lens of a school librarian. Includes field experiences at the elementary, middle, and secondary levels. This course is required for individuals who do not hold a valid Virginia Collegiate Professional License or equivalent from another state.

  Prerequisite(s): SLIB 500 or permission of instructor

• **SLIB 595 - Special Topics**

  **1-3 credits.**
  Topics will vary from semester to semester. May be repeated for credit when topics change.

  Prerequisite(s): None.

• **SLIB 600 - Emerging Trends in School Librarianship**

  **3 credits.**
  Examination and evaluation of emerging trends in school library research and practice.

  Prerequisite(s): None.

• **SLIB 605 - Features and Functions of School Libraries PK-12**

  **3 credits**
  Survey of the differences of working in school libraries at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.

• **SLIB 610 - Promotion of School Libraries**

  **3 credits.**
  Study of strategies and techniques used to promote school library programs.

  Prerequisite(s): None.

• **SLIB 620 - Instructional Design in School Libraries**

  **3 credits.**
  Design and implementation of effective instruction and professional development, assessment of and for student learning, and integration of current and emerging technologies in the school library to support diverse learning needs.

  Prerequisite(s): None.
• **SLIB 630 - Organization of Information**

  3 credits.
  Procedures and techniques essential for organizing and providing access to all types of materials in school libraries.

  Prerequisite(s): completion of at least 15 SLIB credit hours or permission of instructor.

• **SLIB 670 - Administration of School Libraries**

  3 credits.
  Management of the school library including planning, developing, and evaluating programs, facilities, personnel, and budgets; professional ethics; leadership and advocacy for school library programs, resources, and services.

  Prerequisite(s): Completion of at least 15 SLIB credit hours or permission of instructor.

• **SLIB 680 - Research Methodology for School Librarians**

  3 credits.
  Study of quantitative, qualitative, and mixed method research methodologies and their application in school library research.

  Prerequisite(s): None.

• **SLIB 685 - Research Study in School Libraries**

  Variable credit 1-3 credits; total of 3 credits required.
  Practical application of research methodology. Continuous enrollment required until completion. Grading is Pass (P)/Satisfactory Progress (SP)/Not Pass (NP).

  Prerequisite(s): SLIB 680 within the last five years or permission of instructor.

• **SLIB 689 - Supervised Experience in School Libraries**

  5 credits.
  A minimum of 300 clock hours in a school library supervised by a faculty advisor (100 each in elementary, middle, and high school settings), including taking an active role in the teaching of classes. Candidates will need to apply to the Office of Professional Services. Supervisory fee - $300.00.

  Prerequisite(s): EDUC245, EDUC 521, or COUN 507; and EDUC487 or EDUC 550; and EDUC 506 or undergraduate equivalent; and EDUC430 or EDUC 530; or equivalent courses from another institution; and completion of 33 SLIB credit hours.

• **SLIB 690 - Clinical Experience in School Libraries**

  1-2 credits.
  A minimum of 150 clock hours in a school library supervised by a faculty advisor, including taking an active role in the teaching of classes. Two credits are required. Continuous enrollment required until completion. Maximum of 2 credits counted toward total required credit hours. Grading is Pass(P)/Satisfactory Progress(SP)/Not Pass(NP). Supervisory fee-$25.00 per credit hour.

  Prerequisite(s): Completion of at least 15 SLIB credit hours or permission of instructor.

• **SLIB 691 - Professional Portfolio**
1 credit.
Development and presentation of professional portfolio to document mastery of program standards and to highlight growth throughout the program. Culminating experience and exit requirement. Grading is Pass/Not Pass.

Prerequisite(s): Permission of instructor.

- **SLIB 695 - Advanced Special Topics**

1-3 credits.
Advanced study in special topics. Topics will vary from semester to semester. May be repeated for credit when topics change.

Prerequisite(s): None.