

## **About the Courses offered by the Department of Library and Information Science**

Vidyasagar University has ever emphasized knowledge empowerment of the society which is evident from the fact that the Department of Library and Information Science was established as one of the pioneering academic programs of the University. Since its inception in 1986, the Department has been devoted in converging academic excellence and benchmarking professional experiences in its curriculum. A continuous modification and redesigning of existing academic programs in its 32 years of journey through Universe of Knowledge the Department is presently enriching its pupils through following courses:

### **1. Bachelor of Library and Information Science (B.Lib.I.Sc.)**

The foundation course in librarianship that offered by the Department is **Bachelor of Library and Information Science (B.Lib.I.Sc.)**. The **B.Lib.I.Sc.** is **Post Graduate Degree** which educates the incumbents in Professional Librarianship.

#### **About the Course**

**B.Lib.I.Sc.** Course is a Post Graduate Degree Course of one year duration which is covered in **two semesters**. The incumbent of this course are required to be a Graduate with Hons. in any discipline **with minimum 50% marks**. There is an Entrance Examination in selection procedure of this course.

## **Objectives**

The objectives of B.Lib.I.Sc. course are:

- A. Human Resource Development in the field of Library and Information Science.
- B. Developing academic foundation in librarianship.
- C. Capacity building in documentation.
- D. Skill Development in information handling.
- E. Increasing information literacy of the society.

## **Training**

The B.Lib.I.Sc. curriculum has been designed to cover both traditional librarianship and modern technology based library services. Academic foundation of librarianship has been emphasized through educating Classification Theory, Cataloguing Theory, and Characteristics of Information Sources etc. which are supplemented through Practice in different Classification Systems, Catalogue Codes and Reference Tools. The Information Technology (IT) components are incorporated for IT skill development of the incumbents to support technology enabled services of libraries.

## **Outcomes of the Course**

On successful completion of the B.Lib.I.Sc. Course the Professionals become eligible for serving Library and Information Centres of Schools, Colleges, Research and Development Organizations, NGOs etc. in executive capacities. A Graduate in Library and Information Science is a transformed human being

with following competencies:

- A. Academic Librarianship
- B. Special Librarianship
- C. Community Librarianship
- D. Organize Information Resources
- E. Advocacy in Information Literacy
- F. Content Aggregation
- G. Content Organization
- H. Accompanying Learning Process
- I. Reference Librarianship

## **2. Master of Library and Information Science (M.Lib.I.Sc.)**

The advanced level academic program of the Department is **Master of Library and Information Science (M.Lib.I.Sc.)**. **M.Lib.I.Sc.** course is designed to prepare academicians in Library and Information Science, deliver managers of Library and Information Centres and prepare researchers of librarianship vis-à-vis information scientists.

### **About the Course**

**M.Lib.I.Sc.** course is a **Post Graduate** Master's Degree Course in Library and Information Science of one year duration. **M.Lib.I.Sc.** completes in **two semesters**. The aspirants of **M.Lib.I.Sc.** course are required to possess **B.Lib.I.Sc. degree with minimum 50%**

**marks.** The applicants are required to appear in an Entrance Test for their selection in this course.

## **Objectives**

The objectives of **M.Lib.I.Sc.** course are:

- A. Human Resource Development in Library Management.
- B. Enhancing academic Excellencies in librarianship.
- C. Capacity building in policy making of Library and Information Science.
- D. Skill Development in IT Based Librarianship.
- E. Encouraging Fare Use of Information.
- F. Enriching research in Information Activity.
- G. Imparting Development Studies.

## **Training**

The **M.Lib.I.Sc.** curriculum has been designed to bridging the gap between academic competencies and their further growth and development that ultimately enriches the Universe of Knowledge. The **M.Lib.I.Sc.** curriculum enlarges the horizon of library and information Science to every sphere of academic activity especially their state, growth, development and quality measurement. In addition to advanced studies in Document Organization, Resource Description, Information Location and Identification the curriculum emphasizes research in IT enabled services design and cutting-edge research application in Practical Librarianship. Accordingly Free and Open Source Software,

Digital Library Software, Knowledge Management, Ontology Studies, Metadata Research etc has been introduced in the curriculum.

### **Outcomes of the Course**

On successful completion of the **M.Lib.I.Sc.** Course the aspiration of LIS Professionals achieves the doorstep of the ocean of researching Universe of Knowledge. The Professionals become eligible for serving Library and Information Centres, Institutions of Higher Studies like Colleges and Universities, Research and Development Organizations, Autonomous Organizations etc. in Policy making capacities. A Masters' in Library and Information Science of the Department is armored with advanced tools and technologies to combat with adverse socio-economic conditions, Budgetary Constraints etc. adopting following competencies:

- A. Digital Librarianship.
- B. Digital Curation.
- C. Institutional Repository Creation.
- D. Metadata Harvesting.
- E. Library Policy Making.
- B. Quantitative Analysis
- C. Information Evaluation
- D. Information Literacy Models
- E. Content Management

F. Content Creation

G. Imparting Research Process