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"I took a WISE course not offered at most schools, and it was taught by one of the field's top professionals. I learned an enormous amount, and I applied it to real life problems immediately."

Dan Muzyka, WISE Student

WHAT IS WISE?

Web-based Information Science Education (WISE) is a unique and groundbreaking opportunity in online education.

Leading library and information science schools have extended their reach on a global basis to broaden the educational opportunities available to students. WISE uses advanced online technology to enrich education and foster relationships among students, faculty, and universities.

The vision of this initiative is to provide a collaborative distance education model that will increase the quality, access, and diversity of online education opportunities in library and information science.

WISE GEARS UP FOR SUMMER '06 ENROLLMENT

The WISE consortium is gearing up for student enrollment for the summer 2006 semester. Over the past two years the WISE consortium has offered over 75 courses from which students choose. The trend continues with 23 courses being offered this summer. WISE summer enrollment for students began March 15th. The following is a sampling of courses being offered this summer from the consortium: *Behavioral Perspectives*

Electronic Materials for Children/ Young Adults

Electronic Publishing

Organizational Information Security

Information Environments

Legal Resources

Feminism, Librarianship & Information

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A WISE SCHOOL?

WISE member schools excel in providing high quality education in library and information science, and are committed to furthering distance education through collaboration.

WISE schools have access to administrative, pedagogical, and technical support. Faculty at WISE schools participate in educational programs focused on best practices in online pedagogy through the WISE consortium.

WHY BE A WISE SCHOOL?

WISE member schools have the opportunity to provide their students with a wide array of special topics courses offered by other WISE member schools committed to quality online education. WISE schools can choose which WISE courses are offered to their students, and which of their own courses are made available to the consortium. Through this collaboration, WISE schools may be able to attract a more diverse student body.

WISE MEMBER SCHOOLS

Indiana University, Indianapolis
Rutgers, The State University of
New Jersey

Simmons College

Syracuse University

University of British Columbia

University of Illinois at Urbana-
Champaign

University of Maryland

University of North Carolina at
Chapel Hill

University of Pittsburgh

University of Texas at Austin

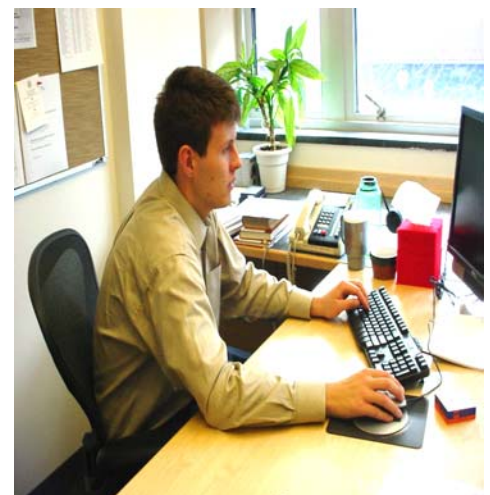
University of Western Ontario

University of Wisconsin-
Milwaukee

Victoria University of Wellington



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WISE allows student exposure to distance education courses at other WISE member schools that previously may have been unavailable.



Web-based Information Science Education

Be sure to visit WISE at booth #355 I in the Morial Convention Center at this year's ALA Conference in New Orleans, June 22-28, 2006.

WISE ASSESSMENT

WISE NOW OPEN TO NEW MEMBERS!

Due to overwhelming demand by library and information science programs and library professional associations, WISE is considering additional candidates for membership.

High Quality Standards Membership in WISE requires a member institution to commit to the WISE Agreement for Educational Cooperation. The agreement fully outlines the WISE Quality Metrics to ensure high quality standards for online education. The metrics may be reviewed in detail by visiting <http://www.wiseeducation.org/images/principles.pdf>. Metrics specified include: sufficient pedagogical support for faculty, maintain a culture of learning for your students, and strict limits on course enrollments.

Membership Fees: To support the promotion, administration and growth of WISE, the consortium has established a schedule of membership fees. The fee schedule for FY2006-07 is:

New Members Fee (One-time Only): \$2,000
Annual Fee: \$3,000
(New Members the annual fee is in addition to the new member fee. First year total fee is \$5000.00)

Tuition and Fee Exchange: Students registered for WISE courses must register for independent study credit at their home university and pay the associated tuition and fees. Member institutions are required to contribute \$100, payable to WISE, for each of their students who register for a WISE course offered by another university. Members who have WISE students enrolled in one of their courses from other member institutions will receive \$100 for each external WISE student.

Fees for partners from countries outside of the US and Canada will be assessed based on a cost of living adjustment for that country.

Contact WISE today for more membership information:
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The WISE consortium provides faculty training via workshops that focus on preparation and delivery of courses to support graduate professional education in library and information science. Training has been offered both online and face-to-face at several conferences.

Online education represents an increasingly important element of higher education. In line with this trend, the Web-based Information Science Education (WISE) consortium aims to expand the quality and quantity of online course offerings available for library and information science (LIS). As part of achieving this goal, WISE has adopted a comprehensive outcomes-based assessment model. Facets of assessment include: review of student experiences in WISE courses; gathering information about and responding to faculty development needs; and external review involving Sloan-C (www.sloan-c.org) consultants.

Preliminary results from student surveys indicate a high level of satisfaction with overall experience in LIS education online. Students emphasize the importance of having well-designed courses that promote robust interaction. Input from faculty has contributed to the design and delivery of workshops focused on increasing competency in areas such as planning, developing, and revising online courses; effective use of synchronous and asynchronous components; and community building.

Drawing on the experience of thirteen schools has enabled us to share ideas and other resources. Ongoing dialogue in conjunction with assessment data has allowed us to gain a more complete understanding of the challenges and benefits of providing quality online education. As WISE evolves, we will continue to collaborate and draw on our insights to develop models of best practices for LIS education.

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