

**SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES  
University of Alberta**

**LIS 517  
Government Publications  
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**Calendar**

**Description:** The control and dissemination of government publications, using the Canadian system as a model applicable to other political jurisdictions.

**Objectives:** To develop an understanding of the structure of government and ways in which government generates information.

To examine and discuss critically matters of acquisition, bibliographic organization, and uses of government information.

To study the nature and scope of official sources of federal, provincial, and municipal government information in Canada as well as sources of the United States, the United Kingdom, and selected international agencies.

To understand the role of various government publications in the legal process.

To examine the impact of electronic information and the Internet on the dissemination and scope of government information.

**Methods:** Lectures, discussions, readings, in-class exercises, guest speakers, tours, and student presentations.

**Course**

**Relationships:** Suggested pre-requisites: LIS 501, 502, 503, and 506.

<b><u>Evaluation:</u></b>	Paper	30%
	Pathfinder and Presentation	30%
	Reference Questions	30%
	Class Participation	10%