

Welcome to LIS 620 from Jaime Healy-Plotkin, Instructor

Congratulations on your placement with a practicum site!

Briefly, to go along with your on-site or remote field work:

- You have 120 hours to complete at your practicum site
- The online, asynchronous Canvas course is focused on reflecting on your practicum experience.
- You should expect to put in about one hour per week to read and write interactions with your classmates.

Students completing this course will earn 3 graduate credits and fulfill the iSchool practicum requirement. The credit standard for this course is met by an expectation of at least 135 hours of student engagement with the course's learning activities (45 hours per credit), including 120 hours at the practicum site, plus reading, writing, and other student work as described in this syllabus and the online course.

As your instructor, my expectation is for you to spend about an hour a week on this reflective work by writing your discussion prompts, reading content, and responding to classmates.

You are in charge of the communication with your site supervisor and any scheduling. It is perfectly fine to start your practicum hours before the semester starts. You can continue to complete your hours after the semester finishes, as long as you are not graduating. During the semester, I will ask that you communicate with me about your plans for the completion of the hours.

During the course, your main tasks include:

- Learning objectives agreement (LOA) - available on the [iSchool Practicum site](#)
- Log your Hours - a template will be provided at the start of the course
- Weekly discussion board posts and a few reading assignments
- Internal Memo
- Professional Interview

The details of the assignments are within the Canvas modules once the course begins.

The keys to success in LIS 620 are engagement, deadlines, and introspection.

If you have questions before your placement starts about the course, please reach out to me at jaime.healyplotkin@wisc.edu

Otherwise, I will see you in the online space at the start of your semester!

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