

Course Title	Digital Tools in Humanistic Inquiry
Course Code	DES 601
Recommended Study Year	Term 1
No. of Credits/Term	3
Mode of Tuition	Lecture and seminar
Class Contact Hours	3 hours per week
Category	Elective
Prerequisite	Nil
Co-requisite	Nil
Exclusion	Nil
Exemption Requirement	Nil

Brief Course Description

At the time when computationally assisted research constitutes the norm, it is vital for MA students to become familiar with appropriate digital tools and research methods early on in their careers. In this course, students will acquire hands-on experience with properly using various types of digital platforms (databases, repositories, archives), they will learn how to distinguish and engage on-line research sources, and how to integrate AI tools in the research process. As a whole, the course will introduce students to the evolving ecosystem of computational tools, digital resources, and AI-based research platforms.

Aims

The aim of this course is to introduce MA students to the use of a variety of digital tools, including digital databases and archives, as well as AI-assisted technologies. At the completion of the course, students will acquire the skills necessary for independently using a range of digital technologies in their own research.

Learning Outcomes (LOs)

On completion of the capstone, students will be able to:

1. Distinguish between types of scholarly and non-scholarly sources
2. Recognize and use appropriate scholarly databases
3. Use digital literature and media archives in order to address diverse research topics
4. Use AI to identify, evaluate, and summarize sources

Indicative Contents

1. Types of research outputs
2. Major databases and the identification of legitimate sources
3. Major digital archives and their use
4. Developing annotated bibliographies and the role AI tools in developing content summaries