Information Science Student Groups

The Information Science Student Association (ISSA) is a group that all students in the Information Science department belong to automatically upon enrollment. This group was developed as a means for the student body to have representation at faculty meetings and other forums that ultimately affect student life within the department. Historically, there have been anywhere from 1-3 representatives, varying by semester and interest. If you are interested in becoming an ISSA representative, please contact the group using the information listed below.

Additionally, there are four student chapter/professional organizations within the department. The Association of Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T), The American Library Association (ALA), the Society of American Archivists (SAA), and the New York Library Association (NYLA) are all active and have regular meetings on either the uptown or downtown campuses.

In the spring semester of 2015, three of these groups (ALA, SAA, and the newly formed NYLA Student Chapter) got together and decided to form a single group with shared interests and events, under the banner of ISSA.

ISSA meeting attendees elected three presidents, one for each organization, to maintain a professional connection to and for students. Each president agreed to become an ISSA representative for the IS Department, as well. There is also a single secretary, treasurer, and webmaster for ISSA. The ISSA group meets in the student lounge in Draper Hall on the first Thursday of each month, evenings at 7:15pm. All students are welcome to attend ISSA meetings and events regardless of professional organization membership.

ASIS&T primarily meets on the uptown campus and is comprised mainly of Informatics undergraduate and doctoral students, though membership by MSIS students is welcome and encouraged. Meeting times and locations are sent out to the IST-L listserv and to the ASIS&T Facebook page.

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- Website: https://howtolibraryschool.wordpress.com/
- Twitter: @UAlbany_ISSA
- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/UAlbanyISSA/
- Facebook closed group. Ask an ISSA officer to be added today!