UW Textual Studies

Autumn 2023 Course

TXTDS 402 – Book Arts. Proseminar in Printing, Bibliography, and Special Collections



Fridays, 10-11:50am, Maps and Special Collections Classroom, Allen Library

Discover the world of printed books through an exploration of the collections and resources of UW Libraries Special Collections. We'll explore the richness of the collections, from 15th-century editions printed in the first decades after the introduction of printing in Europe, to 16th-century Bibles, to the lavish books of the Arts and Crafts movement, to our famous collection of artists books. We'll learn the techniques and uses of descriptive bibliography. And we'll work with the printing press, to print a sheet or two which we'll fold into a pamphlet.

This course counts as a core requirement in the Textual Studies and Digital Humanities minor.



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This minor offers hands-on, projectoriented experiences, working with artifacts such as hand-printed books and manuscripts, archival documents, and artists' books; learning to digitize materials and publish digital editions and exhibits; and developing critical and technical skills to build, analyze and understand textoriented databases like Google Books.