

Library 101-Introduction to Information Resources

Grays Harbor College

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2 Credits

Online using Angel Learning

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<http://ghc.edu/library/reserves/Lib101/>

Course Description

Introduction to strategies and skills for locating, evaluating and using information resources in the research process. Emphasis is on using print and electronic resources appropriate for research at the undergraduate or pre-professional level, including those available on the library's information networks, the online catalog, the Internet and other standard research tools. 2 credits specified elective.

Course Objectives/Outcomes

- 1) Students will define a research topic and develop strategies to identify and retrieve relevant information. (*Critical Thinking, Information Use, Literacy*)
- 2) Students will locate and evaluate reference materials, books, periodical articles, Internet sites, and other information sources relevant to a selected research topic. (*Information Use, Critical Thinking, Social and Personal Responsibility, Literacy*)
- 3) Students will document information sources using correct bibliographic citation form and understand the importance of proper documentation. (*Social and Personal Responsibility, Information Use, Literacy*)
- 4) Students will gain understanding of the nature of information resources, their organization and dissemination. (*Information Use, Social and Personal Responsibility, Critical Thinking*)

The () refers to which of the 5 Desired Student Abilities are being addressed in each of the course objectives. The Desired Student Abilities, as listed in the College Catalog are: *Critical Thinking, Disciplinary Learning, Literacy, Social & Personal Responsibility and Information Use.*

Course Content and Organization

- 1) Introduction to the GHC Library
- 2) Organization of Library Resources
- 3) Types of Resources
- 4) Research Strategies
- 5) Subject Headings and Keyword Searching
- 6) Evaluating Sources
- 7) Catalogs and Indexes
- 8) GHC Library Catalog
- 9) Searching Periodical Indexes
- 10) Internet Background and Terminology
- 11) Searching The World Wide Web
- 12) Citing Resources

Methods of Instruction

- 1) Online Lectures
- 2) IRIS Modules
- 3) Discussion Forums
- 4) Practice activities

Textbooks/Materials

- 1) There is no assigned textbook for this course.
- 2) All readings are available online.

Evaluation/Assessment Methods

- 1) Participation in online discussions
- 2) Practice activities
- 3) Homework

Assignments turned in after the given due date will be awarded half credit. **After Tuesday February 21st, assignments will not be accepted.**

- 4) Final Project

The final project is due Tuesday February 21st. **Late projects will not be accepted.**

Office Hours

I am available in the library for in-person meetings, as well as by email or phone. Online office hours will be posted in Angel.

Any individual who has a documented disability, which might interfere with his or her ability to fully participate in class, may be eligible for accommodations. Feel free to contact me or contact the Disability Support Service program located in Student Services, Room 119. Any information regarding disability will be kept confidential.

Grading

Activities	=	15%
Participation	=	15%
Homework	=	30%
Final Project	=	40%

90%	=	A
85%	=	B+
80 %	=	B
75%	=	C+
70%	=	C
65%	=	D+
60%	=	D
Below 60%	=	F