

Short Topics in Work: Information Literacy

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

To assist in conducting research in the field of labor and employment studies, the course provides an overview of the research strategies and techniques used to determine an information need, to access and evaluate information critically, to incorporate information into one's research, and to use and understand the information effectively and appropriately. Information literacy concepts such as research methods, scholarly resources, source evaluation, citation creation, intellectual property, and copyright will be covered.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of the course, students should be able to:

1. Determine the nature and extent of an information need;
2. Access needed information effectively and efficiently;
3. Evaluate information and its sources critically;
4. Use information effectively to accomplish a specific purpose; and
5. Understand the ethical, legal and socio-economic issues surrounding the use of information.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Lecture Analysis	20 %
Attendance	20 %
Course Project	40 %
Comprehensive Quiz	20 %

OVERALL GRADE/%

A	100 – 90
B+	89 – 87
B	86 – 80
C+	79-77
C	76 – 70
D	69 – 60
F	59 – 0

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COURSE SCHEDULE

Week 1: Introduction – What is information literacy?

Topics Covered

Information Literacy 101; Organizing Information; The Information Garden (Sounds pretty!)

Assignments Due

1. Attend class!
2. Complete the Lecture Analysis – To be completed during the class period. Must be handed in at the end of the class.

Week 2: Past & Current Issues – What impact has technology made on information?

Topics Covered

Technology and Information; Copyright and Copywrong; Plagiarism, the Lack of Originality

Assignments Due

1. Attend class!
2. Complete the Lecture Analysis – To be completed during the class period. Must be handed in at the end of the class.

Week 3: All Access Pass – What has changed in how information is accessed and who provides it?

Topics Covered

Talking about Access; Search Strategies

Assignment Due

1. Attend class!
2. Complete the Lecture Analysis – To be completed during the class period. Must be handed in at the end of the class.

***Week 4: Context: That Is Not What I Meant! – Why is context important when discussing information?
AND A Credible Witness - How do you evaluate information for credibility in the modern age?***

Topics Covered

Information in Context; Using Information; Citations and Documentation;
Evaluating Information; Degree of Credibility

Assignment Due

1. Attend class!
 2. Complete the Lecture Analysis – To be completed during the class period. Must be handed in at the end of the class.
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Week 5: Future Trends - Why is information literacy important for all of society? In other words, what's the big picture?

Topics Covered

The Big Picture; Future of Information

Assignments Due

1. Attend class!
2. Course Project

Final Quiz at end of class. Worth 20% of grade.