

Working with the Instruction Librarian

Course-specific research instruction can be tailored to your course and customized for a specific course assignment

- Familiarize yourself with the [library website](#)
- Use discipline specific databases to find information on articles (full-text or citations) and books
 - [Research by Topic](#) pages
 - [Databases page](#)
- Find journal articles in full-text via the library's online subscriptions
 - [Journals @Dunn](#)
- Use appropriate search strategies in online journal databases to gather resources on a given topic
 - Help screens, thesauri
- Use interlibrary loan (ILL) to obtain research materials
 - From databases
 - [WorldCat](#)
- Differentiate between scholarly and popular resources
 - [Popular Magazines, Scholarly Journals and Trade Publications](#)
- Evaluate Websites for accuracy, authority, objectivity and currency
 - [Web Evaluation](#)
- Encourage students to visit with a librarian—individual appointments available
- Access is available [off-campus](#) with current library barcode

Tips for effective Library Assignments (various sources)

- Give clear instructions in writing; students frequently misunderstand or forget an oral assignment
- Library resources are continually changing and these changes will affect library assignments. Verify the accuracy of references given to students and make sure that the library owns the cited materials. Check your assignment regularly.
- Do the assignment yourself to see how long it takes before you decide how long students need to do it. Remember to allow for their inexperience in addition to the various locations of different materials.
- The reference librarians are glad to consult with you about designing successful library assignments. We will suggest appropriate library sources, compile course guides, and/or teach your class about research strategies and sources.
- Have the students get a librarian to sign off on any assignments that requires use of the library.