SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE
LIS 1001, Library Research Methods and Materials
Fall 2020 (August 25 – October 8)

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Catalog Description
LIS 1001 Library Research Methods and Materials (1) Fundamentals of college-level research; location, evaluation and use of information for research needs; introduction to the library and to the organization, access and retrieval of information; hands-on experience in a variety of printed and electronic resources.

Course Goals
The purpose of the course is to introduce you to the LSU Libraries and the resources available to you as a student. You will be introduced to the research process; the location and identification of accurate and reliable information; and the ethical uses of information. You will come away from the course with a set of research skills that will benefit you as you do your coursework, search for jobs, and research your own interests and needs.

Course Delivery
This is a 100% asynchronous online course. There are no days/times that students must be connected to the course. The only requirement is that students complete the course work and submit assignments by the due dates and time listed at the end of this syllabus.

Course Assistance
If you have questions or concerns about the course contact Dr. Barry.

Course Dates
The course begins on August 25th and ends on October 8th.

Course Materials
There is no textbook for the course. All materials are provided on the Moodle site.

Time Requirements
You should expect to spend 1-2 hours per week completing course work.

Evaluation Methods

There are four assignments to be completed. Each assignment is worth 25 points. Students' final grades will be based on the percentage of 100 total points earned during the semester. There is no final exam for the course. Again, the course grade is based solely on the four assignments.

Grading Policy/Late Assignments

Note that assignments are always due **on a Thursday, no later than 11:00 pm.** The assignments will close at **11:00 pm**, which will mean students will not have access after that time. **An assignment that is not submitted by the date/time specified will receive zero points.** Exceptions to the policy will only be made in the case of illness and/or a true emergency. Students seeking an exception must contact Dr. Barry with a full explanation of the situation and appropriate documentation.

Assignment Format

Each assignment covers one of the modules described on page 3. The assignments are all multiple-choice. Each assignment allows a total of three attempts; the student's highest grade will be counted as the assignment grade.

The assignments are completely open-Moodle, which means you can open the assignment in a new tab/window and look for answers in Moodle as you complete the assignment.

All four assignments will become available on August 31st. Students may work ahead and submit assignments before the due dates if so desired.

Grading Scale

A+	97-100	B+	87-89	C+	77-79	D+	67-69	F	below 60
A	93-96	B	83-86	C	73-76	D	63-66		
A-	90-92	B-	80-82	C-	70-72	D-	60-62		

Academic Integrity

All work submitted for this course must be your own work. In accordance with University policy, academic misconduct will not be tolerated. All students are required to know and abide by the University's Policy for Academic Integrity and the LSU Code of Student Conduct. A copy of these documents may be found at: Code of Student Conduct

Information for Students with Disabilities

If you have a disability which requires special accommodations, you must contact the Office of Disability Services, 112 Johnston Hall, 225-578-5919. Instructors cannot offer accommodations without approval from this office. For more information, go to LSU Disability Services

Fall 2020 Schedule

Module 1: How To Build Your Knowledge about a Topic
Picking a Research Topic
Reference Sources
Popular/Mainstream Sources

Assignment 1 is due no later than 11 pm, Thursday September 10th

Module 2: How to Find Specific Sources of Information
Scholarly/Peer-Reviewed Articles and Popular Articles
How to Read Citations
Finding Information Sources
Refining Searches - Using Boolean Commands

Assignment 2 is due no later than 11 pm, Thursday September 24th

Module 3: How To Evaluate Sources of Information
Evaluating Information Sources -- The CRAAP Test
Examples of Primary and Secondary Sources
Evaluating Internet Sources

Assignment 3 is due no later than 11 pm, Thursday October 1st

Module 4: Ethical Use of Information Sources
Quoting, Summarizing and Paraphrasing
Plagiarism
Citing and Citation Styles

Assignment 4 is due no later than 11 pm, Thursday October 8th