**LRES101: Library Resources 101**

**Fall 2018 - Syllabus**

**Course Information**

**Instructor Information**

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**Course Description**

**This is a 1-credit, pass/fail course.**

**Class meets every Wednesday 10:00 – 10:50 a.m. (Room 107 ALB/Library).**

The purpose of this course is to help you become proficient and discerning in using library resources to obtain relevant information. You will learn information literacy skills, concepts, and strategies for college-level research. You will also learn how to access, use, and evaluate information resources and will become more familiar with the Library.  

**Textbook & Course Materials**

Required Text

* There is no required textbook for this class. There will be occasional readings   
   posted in D2L or distributed in class.

**Required Materials**

* D2L Access (I will post assignments, & readings)
* We will provide laptops for some in-class activities, but if you have your own  
   laptop or mobile device with Internet Access, please feel free to use that.

**Course Structure**

This course is a combination of lectures, discussions, activities, tours, assignments, and guest speakers.

**Student Learning Goals**

* **Select and access information sources** – you will learn to navigate a variety of   
   information systems, catalogs, and databases to select the most appropriate   
   resources for your research needs.
* **Search techniques and strategies**– you will learn to employ search strategies   
   appropriate for a variety of information systems.
* **Evaluate sources** – you will learn how to analyze sources to determine the   
   reliability, quality, validity, accuracy, authority, point of view, bias, and   
   relevancy.
* **Cite sources**– you will learn how to cite your research/sources to use   
   information responsibly and ethically.

**Expectations**

You will meet the goals listed above through a combination of the following activities in this course:

* Attend all classes
* Complete all assignments and readings
* Participate in discussions

Hopefully you are enrolled in the class to learn more about the library, how to  
locate and search for sources, and general information literacy concepts, which will help you in other classes in your academic career. 

* Please check your email, as well as D2L, for class information, assignment  
   updates, and grades.
* We may have in-class and group assignments where you will use your phones,  
   iPads or laptops to complete those tasks. However, during lectures or guest   
   speakers, and when you need to pay attention, please turn off your cell phones.   
   It is the polite thing to do.
* Academic Integrity & Plagiarism – You are responsible for reading and   
   understanding the University’s policy on [Community Rights](https://www3.uwsp.edu/acadaff/Handbook/2016-17%20HandbookREVISIONSno_index.pdf) (Academic   
   Standards & Disciplinary Procedures).
* Accommodations – please information me if you have any special   
   accommodations needs.
* I am here to help you and want you to succeed in this class. Please always ask   
   me questions if you are unsure of something.

**Grading**

Students must achieve at least 70% for a final course grade to   
 pass. If not, you will fail the course. Assignments will be graded on a point   
 system (each assignment will have different points). Attendance and class   
 participation will also be worth points. Late assignments will lose 2 points from  
 the total points for that given assignment.  

**LRES101**🡪 **Topic Outline/Assignment Schedule**

All assignments are due at the beginning of the class period for the due date. There may be some adjustments made to the following schedule. If so, you will know ahead of time.  

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| **Date** | **Topic** | **Readings** | **Activities/Assignment** | **Due Date** |
|  | **Introduction/First Day:** Introductions, Questionnaire, Library Homepage, Virtual tour, D2L |  | Questionnaire  activity  (5 points) | In-class activity |
|  | **Library Overview:**  Tour, collections, study spaces, and more |  | Short essay assignment one pager -- Describe the library to a friend.  (10 points) |  |
|  | **Information Sources I:**  Intro to discovery system – search for books, articles, videos, and more. |  | Search@UW assignment (10 points) |  |
|  | **Information Sources II:**Understanding reference sources, reference databases, and ASKUS |  | Reference Assignment  (10 points) |  |
|  | **Scholarship as Conversation:** ACRL framework. Conversational nature of sources. |  | Article analysis activity  (5 points) |  |
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|  | **Search as Strategic Exploration I:** Databases, Subject databases, and effective search strategies |  | Search strategies & article assignment  (10 points) |  |
|  | **Research as Inquiry:** Understanding the complexity of fake news  WLA | Article about fake news | Fake news assignment  (10 points) |  |
|  | **Emerging & New Technologies:**  Exploring new technologies and how they relate to libraries |  | Tech Assignment  (10 points) |  |
|  | **Search as Strategic Exploration II:**  Internet Research |  | Web evaluation assignment  (10 points) |  |
|  | **Government Documents:**  Meet in Room 605 |  | Gov Docs Assignment  (10 points) |  |
|  | **Information Creation as a Process:** The ethical use of information and identifying sources/citations |  | Citation Assignment  (10 points) |  |
|  | **University Archives:**  Meet in Room 507 |  | Take notes for Final Exam |  |
|  | **Data & Information:** Understanding data sets beyond Text |  | Data assignment  (10 points) |  |
|  | **Wrap up:**  Course Evaluation, Final Exam Review |  | Study for final |  |
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| 12/17 | **\*FINAL EXAM – 12:30 – 2:30** |  | (25 points) |  |

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| **Class participation** |  | (15 points) |

\*Students who complete all assignments satisfactorily (not just passing), turn them in when due, attend ALL classes, and participate in class discussions, may be exempt from taking the final exam at the discretion of the instructor. You will be notified if you will or will not have to take the final during class on one week before the exam date which is scheduled for 12/17 from 12:30-2:30.

**Important Note:** Please remember that any form of academic dishonesty is a serious matter. If there is an indication of cheating or plagiarism, it may be reported to the office of student affairs. **Course policies are subject to change.** It is the student’s responsibility to check your email and D2L for any corrections or updates to the syllabus.