

Library Instruction Menu for Messiah College Faculty

Below are some instruction options that librarians can provide for your classes. In addition to the offerings below, we will gladly provide instruction on additional topics as requested.

| Instruction Topic | Points Covered | Time Required* |
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| Finding Complete Articles from Citations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • find articles in printed bibliographies • find articles using the library's Periodicals List • when & how to use interlibrary loan | 10-15 min. |
| Searching for/Requesting Books from Other Libraries | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using EZ-Borrow or ILLiad to request books • using WorldCat to locate books in other academic libraries | 10-20 min. |
| Identifying Scholarly Journals/Articles | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • distinguish between academic/scholarly journals vs. popular magazines • distinguishing between: research articles and literature reviews; primary vs. secondary • what it means to be a peer-reviewed journal | 15-20 min. |
| Using Subject Specific Databases | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how to search for articles in databases of your choice such as: Science Direct, SocIndex, Business Source Premier • learning about search features unique to the selected database(s) | 10-20 min. per database (depending on complexity) |
| Doing a Good Literature Review | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what is a literature review? • creating a plan for a comprehensive literature review | 10-30 min. |
| Finding Specific Types of Material | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tailored to specific class/assignment needs | 10-30 min. |
| Evaluating Websites (including Wikipedia) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how to analyze websites for credibility • how to search for authoritative websites | 20-30 min. |
| Google Scholar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • benefits and limitations of Google Scholar | 10-20 min. (can be incorporated into "Evaluating Websites" session) |
| Academic Integrity/Plagiarism | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ethics of academic integrity, with examples of paraphrasing, summarizing & quoting | 10-30 min. |
| Finding Reviews of Books and Films | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identifying helpful databases and print sources for locating reviews | 10-15 min. |
| Finding Statistics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • locating statistics in specific subject areas | 10-20 min. |
| Citing Articles, Books, Websites, etc. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using a particular citation style (e.g., APA, MLA, Turabian) to cite articles, books, websites, DVDs, etc. | 10-20 min. |
| RefWorks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • transferring citation information from database(s) to RefWorks • manually adding citation information to RefWorks • creating bibliographies with RefWorks | 15-30 min. |

*Time requirements will vary, depending on class needs and whether the librarian does a demo in a classroom or conducts a hands-on session in a computer lab.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Please contact your [liaison librarian](#) or [Beth Mark](#)..