Library (LIBR)

LIBR 094  2 credits
INFORMATION LITERACY 1
Introduces students to the basic skills, strategies, and tools of information research. Emphasis is placed on the process of identifying information needs, selecting appropriate sources, and evaluating information for accuracy. Students will gain competency in using traditional resources, e.g., the library catalog, and also explore electronic resources such as databases and Internet search engines.
Prerequisite: None

LIBR 101  2 credits
INTRODUCTION TO LIBRARY AND INFORMATION RESEARCH
Introduces students to the basic principles of information research. Emphasis is placed on the process of locating and evaluating information in both print and online formats. Includes basic introduction to searching the Internet, online databases, online library catalogs, and the use of various tools to access information. An annotated bibliography will be developed in an academic area of the students’ choice. This course is especially helpful to those enrolled in classes with a required research paper.
Prerequisite: None.

LIBR 104  2 credits
INFORMATION LITERACY II
Reinforces basic research skills, strategies, and tools of information. Develops an understanding of the entire research process, from identifying topics to creating an annotated bibliography. Topics include narrowing and refining electronic searches, finding access to many types of resources, and evaluating popular and scholarly sources using a variety of criteria. Avoidance of plagiarism and correct documentation will be emphasized.
Prerequisite: None.

LIBR 204  1-2 credits
INFORMATION LITERACY III
Guides students through the process of designing and completing a complex research assignment. Emphasis will be placed on evaluating information, including assessing the differences between databases and applying a rubric of information evaluation. Additional topics addressed include proper usage of quotations, citation styles, and annotated bibliographies. Part 1 includes refining a research topic, finding sources, and identifying and avoiding plagiarism. Part 2 focuses on evaluation and annotation of sources and reflection on the research project.
Prerequisite: None.