COURSE INFORMATION

Summer Sessions (Maymester) 2013 Library Information & Research

LS F101X
Section: F91
CRN: 52522
1 Credit
No prerequisites
Location: Distance Education Blackboard - online
Meeting time: N/A - online delivery
This course runs from May 13-24, 2013

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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COURSE MATERIALS

There is no textbook for this course. All course materials, both required and recommended, are available in Blackboard in the “Course Materials” section of this course. You must have access to the Internet, Blackboard, and email for this course.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Introduction to effective library research methods and principles of information organization and retrieval. Emphasis on applied experience with finding and evaluating information, especially through use of library catalogs, journal indexes and Internet resources. The course is designed to help you save time and reduce the difficulties you may experience in using libraries. Basic technology proficiency, specifically the ability to navigate course in Blackboard and send attachments via email needed for this course.

COURSE GOAL

The overall goal of this course is that upon completion each student can produce a basic, systematic and accurate method for recovering needed information on any topic.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

• Students will be able to formulate and articulate a research statement and devise appropriate search strategies.
• Students will be capable of carrying out a search strategy using appropriate tools to obtain resources.
• Students will be capable of evaluating the appropriateness of their resources and apply evaluative criteria to determine validity and veracity of information.
• Students’ confidence in their ability to use library resources and research strategies will increase.

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

This is an online class—it does not meet in a classroom! Everything is located on Blackboard or sent to you via your UA email. If this is your first time using Blackboard, please read Blackboard Help located on the main page: http://classes.uaf.edu.

The surest way of passing this class is to read the assigned readings, videos and slideshows & complete the quizzes & assignments by the deadline. The readings and assignments are located in the Course Materials section of Blackboard. Each week will have 2 folders. The first folder contains required readings, quizzes, and assignments for that week. The second folder includes additional materials for that week’s topic, recommended but not required. You must complete the readings and the assignment in the order they appear in each week’s folder. Submit assignments by the deadline. Assignments may be submitted via Blackboard or sent as an attachment to my email rmseale@alaska.edu.

TENTATIVE COURSE CALENDAR

There will be weekly modules containing required readings, short videos and slideshows, quizzes and assignments completed by 11:30 PM Alaska Standard time (AKST) on the due dates below. Assignments will not be available after 11:45 PM AKST. Late assignments will not be accepted with the exception of the following instances: 1. Student makes prior arrangements before the assignment’s deadline with the instructor and 2. In cases of extenuating circumstances, including but not limited to death in the family, severe illness, car accident, etc.
Pre-test: Please complete before beginning Week 1 module. This is voluntary.

Week 1 module (Subjects are plagiarism, citing your sources, research strategies and evaluating your resources) completed by May 17 11:30 PM
Note: Week 1 module goes offline after 11:45 PM AKST.

Week 2 module (Subjects are evaluating your resources and research tools) completed by May 24 11:30 PM
Note: Week 2 module goes offline after 11:45 PM AKST.

Post-test: May 24 or after completing all readings & assignments in course. This is voluntary.

Instructor reserves the right to make changes regarding assignments and due dates. You will be notified of changes to calendar or assignments.

COURSE POLICIES

Class policy regarding access to Blackboard, UA email, and the library databases
It is the student’s responsibility to make sure they have access to Blackboard, UA email, and the library databases. Since there are labs available for student use on campus and the Rasmuson Library has free access to Blackboard, UA email, and the databases, technology problems are not a valid excuse for not turning in assignments.

Plagiarism policy
Students must submit their own work. Assignments are for the individual student, they are not group assignments. Students will fail assignment and potentially the course. Visit the following site for more information on Student Code of Conduct: http://www.uaf.edu/catalog/current/academics/regs3.html#Student_Conduct

Late Assignments
Late assignments will not be accepted with the following exceptions: Student makes prior arrangements before the assignment’s deadline with the instructor and in cases of extenuating circumstances, including but not limited to death in the family, severe illness, car accident, etc.

EVALUATION

1 credit/graded. Students are evaluated on basis of assignment completion. Assignments include required readings.
Possible grades are A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C-, D+, D, F, AU (Audit), NB (No Basis) and I (Incomplete).

I convert the points you earn in the course to a final grade based on the following scale:

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Announcements
Will be posted in Blackboard’s ANNOUNCEMENTS section.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Computing Services
Every UAF student, staff and faculty are provided an email account and have access to computing services by the Department of Computing and Communications. UAF uses email to communicate with students on many important matters. Email is often the only way some information is distributed, so it is important that you regularly check your university e-mail address or forward mail from your UA address to an address you check frequently. For more information about your email account go to http://webmail.alaska.edu

Writing Center
For further assistance with citation style guides, generating research topics, and research strategies please visit the UAF Writing Center: http://www.alaska.edu/english/writing-center/

DISABILITIES SERVICES: The Office of Disability Services implements the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and insures that UAF students have equal access to the campus and course materials. As your instructor, I will work with this office to provide reasonable accommodations to students with disabilities.

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