

Minnesota State University Moorhead

LIB 101: Research & Information Literacy

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 1

Lecture Hours/Week: 1

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

Research and Information Literacy, LIB 101, is a one-credit course designed to build students information literacy skills. The course will introduce theoretical and practical/applied concepts regarding library research in the digital age. This includes formulating research questions; determining appropriate research strategies; selecting research tools; analyzing and selecting appropriate information including concepts such as authority, credibility and purpose; avoiding plagiarism; citing sources using a standard format; and presenting information in a meaningful way. Ownership of information, copyright, fair use and media bias analyses will also be emphasized. The course will use a mixture of videos, tutorials, readings and applied learning.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 01/16/2020 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Sources of information including books, e-books, periodicals, peer-reviewed/scholarly sources, internet-based sources, archival, government
2. Searching for information including techniques, topic selection and refinement
3. Evaluating information including media bias, authority, currency, and purpose
4. Ownership and attribution including citation, plagiarism, attribution; and synthesis of information including an annotated bibliography

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Evaluate information and its sources critically and incorporate selected information into their knowledge base.
2. Understand the economic, legal, and social issues surrounding the use of information.
3. Access and use information ethically and legally.
4. Use information effectively to accomplish a specific purpose.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted