



LIS 1001

LIBRARY RESEARCH METHODS AND MATERIALS

The amount of information today is growing at an incredible rate. The different ways of accessing this information are also growing and becoming more complex. In order to conduct research, today's college student needs a wide array of skills, from critical thinking to information technology skills. LSU's LIS 1001 class, "Library Research Methods and Materials," is designed to introduce students to the basics of these skills.

LIS 1001 focuses on introducing students to the organization, access, and retrieval of today's library and informational sources. The knowledge and skills students gain prepare them for serious research in their classes and throughout their lives. LIS 1001 is offered both as a traditional class, held in a state-of-the-art electronic classroom, and as an online class where students are able to participate in a virtual environment. Students receive instruction and practice with a variety of electronic resources such as the library's online catalog, databases, and the Internet, as well as printed indexes and abstracts for locating articles in magazines, journals, and newspapers. The course is worth one credit hour and is taught in half a semester.

What You Will Learn in the Course

- How knowledge is organized, stored, and transmitted
- How to evaluate information to determine its relevance, accuracy, and significance
- When to seek the advice of experts and how to ask for advice
- How to use information to solve a problem or answer a research question
- How to define or recognize your information needs
- How to organize an effective search strategy
- How to use a variety of resources for research
- How to identify and use disciplines and broad subjects as an aid in developing a research topic
- How to distinguish between popular and scholarly works and between primary and secondary sources

For more information, visit
<http://www.lib.lsu.edu/instruction/lis1001/lis1001.html>.