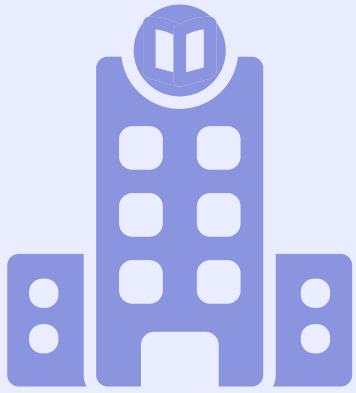


Library Instruction: A Vision

Instruction is an integral part of the academic library. Academic librarians teach students how to use the library, important information literacy concepts, research skills, and more. Therefore, it is important to develop an academic library instruction program with intention and planning. Here is my vision for such a program:



Mission

The instruction program will support curricula, contribute to student success, and foster lifelong learning by giving the university community the tools to use the library effectively, critically evaluate resources, and fulfill their information needs.



Goals

- Instruction will support the learning mission of the institution.
- Instruction will align with the ACRL Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education.
- Librarians will collaborate with faculty to deliver effective library instruction.



Approach

The instructional approach will vary based on curriculum needs, modes, and student experiences. Instruction sessions will combine observational, collaborative, and experiential learning to give students space to explore, express ideas, and make mistakes and provide multiple ways to engage with the material.



Modes

Modes of instruction include course-integrated (one-shot) and credit-bearing instruction, workshops, consultations, and static educational resources such as library guides. Instruction can be conducted online or in person and synchronously or asynchronously.



Outcomes

- Students will understand how to use the library and who to ask for help.
- Students will be able to create and carry out a research plan.
- Students will be able to evaluate resources based on authority, context, relevance, and accuracy.
- Students will apply information ethics concepts.



Values

Equity, diversity, and inclusion will be the foundation of every classroom and lesson in the library instruction program. The library is committed to fostering a sense of accessibility, safety and belonging among all students. As such, the library supports the use of open educational resources in order to reduce textbook costs for students.