

## Library Science 102 Syllabus

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### THE COURSE:

Welcome to Library Science 102, Internet Research Methods. This course offers basic search strategies for INTERNET, Data Base searching. Students are required to participate in the class discussion forum.

### GRADING POLICY:

Overall assessment for this course is based on:

Class participation 25% (100 points) - These points are earned through your participation in the Class Discussions (by answering my questions)  
Assignments/Quizzes 25% (100 points)  
Class Project 25% (100 points)  
Final Exam 25% (100 points)  
Extra Credit (max. 35 points) - Extra Credit will only apply after both Class Project and Final Exam are turned in.

### COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Learn search strategies with the latest research tools that will enable the searcher to access information from resources in electronic format.

### CONTENT KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:

Formulate a research question

Determine the information requirements needed to answer the research question.

Understand the eight basic concepts of online searching that can be applied to any online catalog, database, or search engine.

Become familiar with standard sources available in print and electronic format.

Identify the appropriate sources and search strategies needed to find information.

Evaluate the information found.

Format bibliographies and references according to selected bibliographic citation style.

#### COURSE CONTENT:

- Search strategy & Boolean logic
- Library catalogs: from print to online
- West LA College SIRSI Online catalog - Search Strategies (Subject versus Keyword search; how to read an online catalog screen)
- Browsers
- Evaluation of internet resources
- Citing electronic sources using the MLA Documentation Style
- Library vocabulary.

#### REQUIRED TEXT:

Required book (either one):

MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers 7th Edition. NY :  
Modern Language Association, 2009. Print.

(available through Amazon.com, most academic library, and on  
Reserve at West Los Angeles College Library)

#### **OR substitute with**

**Purdue Online Writing Lab: MLA Formatting and Style Guide**  
**<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>**