INLS 581: Research Methods

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Course description

An introduction to research methods used in information and library science, exploring the design, interpretation, analysis and application of published research.

Course objectives

By the end of the course, students will have gained an understanding of the concepts and terminology used in ILS research, and of the methods used to perform this research. This course is organized around published research (as opposed to a research methods textbook) to better acquaint you with different research specialties and approaches in ILS. By the end of the course, your ability to consume research will be improved, and you will have established a foundation for you to do your own research in the future.

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Office hours: I am in Seattle, WA for the 2013-14 academic year & will obviously therefore not be holding office hours in person. However I will still be reachable by all of the fine media listed above. Contact me via any means you prefer. I'm happy to schedule a phonecall if you require a longer conversation.

Curriculum vitae 🖹

Course management

All course content and activity will be in the course Sakai 🔒 site.

I will hold virtual office hours throughout the semester, using Google Hangouts 🔗. During the first 2 weeks of the semester we will have 2 Hangouts per week. After that we will probably scale it back to 1 per week.

Synchronicity

This course will blend synchronous and asynchronous elements of online teaching and learning. The following components of the course will be in the following modes:

Asynchronous:

- Content delivery via video micro-lectures
- Discussion in threaded forums

Synchronous:

- Virtual office hours

Minimum technology requirements

In order to participate fully in this course, you will need to have access to a computer, with:

- High-speed internet access
- A webcam
- A microphone

Textbook & reading

There is one required text for this course:

Wildemuth, B. M. (2009). Applications of Social Research Methods to Questions in Information and Library Science 🔗. Libraries Unlimited: Westport, CT.

If you prefer to hold paper in your hands, this book is also available in the Student Stores 🔗 and in the SILS library. Also available from Amazon 🔗 or any online bookseller.

All readings will be assigned on the course Schedule. Readings not from ASRMQILS will be available on the free web, as an e-journal 🔗, or via the Library's e-reserves 🔗.

Assignments

Research Reviews

Exams

Grading rubric & other policies

See my course grading rubric.

See my course policies.

See the web.unc.edu Online Class Statement 🗗.

Assignments constitute the following percentage of your final grade:

- Research Reviews = 25% (2 reviews at 12.5% each)
- Mid-term Exam = 25%
- Final Exam = 25%
- Participation = 25%

Schedule

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