

LIB 120 - Introduction to Information Literacy
Section 2 Class Meetings, Spring 2008

Week 1 ■ Thursday, January 24

Overview & Syllabus
Introductions & Tour

To Do:

Read and complete the Syllabus Critique; hand in at next class
“How Much Information? 2003 - Executive Summary” (link at upper left)
<http://www2.sims.berkeley.edu/research/projects/how-much-info-2003/>
Start considering possible topics for your semester project!

Week 2 ■ Tuesday, January 29 & Thursday, January 31

Information: Characteristics &
Organization
Evaluating Information
Information Reliability

To Do:

Read “Critically Analyzing Information Sources”
<http://www.library.cornell.edu/okuref/research/skill26.htm>
Read “Evaluating Information - Applying the CRAAP Test”
<http://www.csuchico.edu/lins/handouts/evalsites.html>

Week 3 ■ Tuesday, February 5 & Thursday, February 7

The Research Process
Plagiarism
Catalogs and Finding Books
Defining, Planning & Refining,
Pt. 1: Encyclopedias

To Do:

Assignment 1 - [General & Subject Specific Encyclopedias](#) (due 2/14)

Week 4 ■ Tuesday, February 12 & Thursday, February 14

Defining, Planning & Refining,
Pt. 2: Topics & Strategies
Boolean Searching
Advanced HELIN
Metadata & Subject Headings

To Do:

Assignment 2 - [Refining Your Topic](#) (due 2/21)

Week 5 ■ Tuesday, February 19 & Thursday, February 21

Annotated Bibliographies
Managing Bibliographies &
Citation Formats
Semester Project Discussion
Information & Publication Cycle

To Do:

Read [LIB 120 Survival Guide](#)
Assignment 3 - [Annotated Bibliography, Part 1: Books](#) (due 2/28)

Week 6 ■ Tuesday, February 26 & Thursday, February 28

Periodicals: An Introduction
Scholarly Communication
Reference Databases
Advanced Searching &
Boolean Review

To Do:

Quiz 1 available after class 2/28, due by 11:00 am on 3/4.

Week 7 ■ Tuesday, March 4 & Thursday, March 6

Evaluating Results

To Do:

Assignment 4 - [Advanced Searching Techniques](#) (due Thu. 3/6)
Review “Critically Analyzing Information Sources”
<http://www.library.cornell.edu/okuref/research/skill26.htm>

Week 8 ■ Tuesday, March 11 & Thursday, March 13

Subject Specific Databases
Database Presentations:
Work Time

To Do:

Assignment 5 - [Annotated Bibliography, Part 2: Academic Search Premier](#) (due 3/27)

SPRING BREAK ■ March 17 - March 23

Week 9 ■ Tuesday, March 25 & Thursday, March 27

No Class Tuesday March 25
LIB 120 FORUM 3/26
Print Indexes

To Do:
Attend Lib 120 Forum on Wednesday
Work on Database Presentations
Extra Credit - Using Print Indexes

Week 10 ■ Tuesday, April 1 & Thursday, April 3

Database Presentations

To Do:
Assignment 6 - [Annotated Bibliography, Part 3: Subject-Specific Databases](#) (due 4/8)

Week 11 ■ Tuesday, April 8 & Thursday, April 10

The Internet: An Introduction
Decoding URLs
Evaluating the Internet
Search Engines

To Do:
Read “Query Inputs” and “Understanding Results” from Google Guide:
<http://www.googleguide.com>
Quiz 2 available after class 4/10, due by 11:00 am on 4/15.

Week 12 ■ Tuesday, April 15 & Thursday, April 17

Search Engine Extravaganza
Associations and Experts
Statistics

To Do:
Assignment 7 - [Annotated Bibliography, Part 4: Web Sites](#) (due 4/17)
Extra Credit - Finding Statistics

Week 13 ■ Tuesday, April 22 & Thursday, April 24

Information Issues
Info Issues Presentations

To Do:
Prepare your Semester Project
Write your Research Summary (Details in [LIB 120 Survival Guide](#))

Week 14 ■ Tuesday, April 29

Semester wrap-up
Review for Final Exam
SETs and Evaluations
SEMESTER PROJECT DUE 4/29

To Do:
Prepare for Final Exam

Final Exam ■ Wednesday, May 7, 8:00 am - 11:00 am