Scheduling a class session with a Librarian

Welcome to the Library instruction program! Library research instruction sessions (“one-shots”) are taught by library faculty at the request of course faculty who would like their students to be introduced to, and practice, information literacy and research skills as they apply to their assignments.

To schedule a library instruction session, contact Heather Gillanders at (253) 566-5102 or hgillanders@tacomacc.edu. Please schedule your session(s) at least one week in advance.

Helping us help your students

Library instruction sessions here at TCC are collaborative teaching and learning experiences between library faculty, course faculty, and our students. Here are some practices that we have found to create deeper learning for students in library “one-shot” sessions.

- Course instructors are present in these “one-shot” sessions to participate in discussions and learning activities.
- Students have been given a specific assignment that requires them to use outside sources (library materials and/or “free” Web sources).
- Students have had classroom discussion time about the assignment, and have been given a print or electronic copy of the assignment description and requirements, prior to the “one-shot” session.
- The course faculty and the library faculty have discussed the details of the assignment, the goals for the “one-shot” session, and any information about the course and the students that may impact instruction.
- The information literacy/research aspect of the assignment is part of the grading criteria for that assignment. Please consult with a faculty librarian if you would like assistance with this.
- A second (or third) “one-shot” session may be scheduled as follow-up or to explore more advanced information literacy skills.

We look forward to working with you and your students.

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