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Information Literacy Instruction at Loyola Marymount University

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Academic Library
User Population

- 6,126 Undergraduates
- 2,061 Graduates
- 8,187 Total

Undergraduates
- 2,134 Liberal Arts
- 1,529 Business
- 1,195 Sci Eng
- 952 Com Fine Arts
- 644 Film TV

Ethnicity of Undergraduate Students
- American Indian/Alaska Native: 0.01%
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 0.2%
- African American: 6.3%
- Multirace: 7.7%
- International Students: 9.7%
- Asian: 10.9%
- Hispanic/Latino: 20.7%
- White, Non-Hispanic: 44.4%
Orientations

First Year Students  Parents
Library Tours
Types of Information Literacy Instruction
Online Tutorials

A study was published recently in the peer-reviewed journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America* that claimed to test how people’s moods were affected by what they saw on their Facebook feed. The researchers altered the Facebook feeds of over 700,000 Facebook users without their knowledge. The researchers claim the alteration of these news feeds resulted in emotional changes in Facebook users, stating in the paper, "results suggest that the emotions expressed by friends, via online social networks, influence our own moods."

This study has proven to be controversial and has generated much discussion in scholarly circles. Take a look at how some scholars are responding to this study. Click on each scholar to view a response to this study.

"Some bioethicists have said that Facebook’s recent study of user behaviour is 'scandalous', 'violates accepted research ethics' and 'should never have been performed'. I write with 5 co-authors, on behalf of 27 other ethicists, to disagree with these sweeping condemnations ... The Facebook experiment was controversial, but it was not an egregious breach of either ethics or law. Rigorous science helps to generate information that we need to understand our world, how it affects us and how our activities affect others. Permitting Facebook and other companies to mine our data and study our behaviour for personal profit, but penalizing it for making its data available for others to see and to learn from makes no one better off." [Source]
Hybrid
F2F + Online tutorial
Face-to-Face
LibGuides (embedded videos)
WebEx
Online Graduate Programs
Workshops

Fake News

Wikipedia
Faculty Workshops

- Core Course Development Grants & Workshops
- Train-the-Trainer IL workshops
- First Year Seminar Training
- Rhetorical Arts Training
How do you assess the effectiveness of your instruction?
Survey (FYS Tutorial)

• Qualtrics survey:
  Stratified random sample of 300 students (50% response rate)

• Qualtrics survey:
  All Instructors teaching (51% response rate)
Overall Average Scores (FYS Tutorial)

- Starting...: 88% 91%
- Types of Info: 87% 92%
- Books: 88% 91%
- Articles: 88% 81%
- Ethics: 81% 84%

Module (across 67 courses)
Quiz (across 67 courses)
OVERALL AVERAGES
Student scores across 100 sampled annotated bibliographies. Scored with a calibrated rubric by a group of volunteer R.A. instructors. (LMU Office of Assessment)
Office of Assessment

**NSSE Survey**
Topical Module: Experiences With Information Literacy

**iSkills Test**
Easy Assessment for New Librarians

Free too!
## Google Spreadsheets

### Example

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<tr>
<th>First Name</th>
<th>Working Research Question</th>
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<td>Does religion play a part in latino voting behavior? Can church groups influence political action?</td>
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| I would like to research if left winged or right winged bias in the media negatively affects viewers perceptions of potential candidates. I would like to narrow my search to specifically focus on either left winged or right winged bias, yet I have not yet decided which one to focus on. I would like to see if there is a correlation in bias on specific issues in the media and voting trends on that topic. |

| Lani | Does bias in the media negatively affect viewers' perceptions on potential candidates? |

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| I think I first have to reorganize my question in order to be more specific so I can have more helpful key words for my research. Maybe change the use of the word perception and be more specific in what type of policy. I would expand on other struggles with education systems, as well as now look for more modern studies in order to prove that there is an empirical trend that continues as a correlation between education inequality and poverty and communities struggling to more tumor socially and economically. |

| Cammie | How has the perception of undocumented immigrants in the U.S. changed policy? |

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| Kyle | Does the failure to fund our public schools and adequately educate our American public school students limit the socio-economic forward progression of the nation as a whole? |

| Data, education database |

| N'a | Try searching ERIC: an education database |
Google Form + Rubric

Embed Google Form into course LibGuide

Cite your source. (author, title, year, etc.)


Your answer

What type of information did you find?

Choose

What format was the information published in?

Choose

Subject tags are often great search terms! What are some useful search terms for your topic?

Hint: Think about key concepts or synonyms

Your answer

What is the main purpose of this source?

Hint: Read the abstract / table of contents / full text

Your answer

Social Justice Implications

Different social groups have different levels of access to social power and resources based on a variety of historical, political, economic, and social factors. These inequalities inhibit our ability to promote the common good. Social justice refers to efforts to combat these large-scale inequalities and achieve economic, legal, political, and social equality for all.

Based on this source, name one social group you think is among the most negatively affected by the status quo (the way things are). Explain your reasoning.
How do you spend your time related to instruction?

- Communicating with faculty
  - Syllabus, assignment, expectations, sample topics
- Preparing - lesson plan, active learning, worksheets, sample searches
- LibGuides – creating or updating
- Assessment – calibrating rubrics, grading, proctoring tests
- University Core Curriculum Committee
What has helped you the most with instruction?

- Observation
- Conferences
- Professional Reading
- ACRL Immersion
What do you see as upcoming instructional challenges, and how do you hope to meet them?

- Information Literacy Flags
- IL in Disciplines
- Assignment Redesign
  - Curriculum Mapping
  - CORA
Anything else you think would be helpful for students to know re ILI.

- How to communicate & negotiate with faculty
- Assignment redesign
- Be strategic (work smarter, not harder)
- Learn how to say no
Questions?