Research & Writing Assignments: How Librarians Can Help

Workshops: We can help students succeed at college-level research by collaborating with you to design a library orientation, Special Collections visit or research workshop tailored to the needs of your class.

Consultations: Please feel welcome to include your librarian's contact information in your syllabus, and refer your students to your librarian for one-on-one help. We also offer drop-in help at the Research Desk Sunday-Friday.

Online Guides: Our discipline-specific research guides provide students with a specialized entry point to resources in each field (find yours at go/guides/). We also recommend our Quick Guide to the Middlebury Libraries (go/quickguide/), which orients students to library resources, services and spaces. In addition, we would be happy to develop a custom guide for your course.

Assignment Design: We see students at all stages of the research process, including early on, when they’re internalizing the requirements and desired outcomes of their assignment. If you’d like to share a draft of an assignment with us, we’ll be happy to try to anticipate questions that may arise for students.

Academic Integrity: Many students seek guidance on how to use and cite sources in their writing. Ask us about workshops, citation management tools and online resources like the Citation and Style Guide and the Academic Integrity Tutorial. (Learn more about the Academic Integrity Tutorial and how librarians can help at go/aithelp/.)

Examples
- Library workshops: Targeted skills have included developing focused research questions, understanding the research process, searching efficiently, finding data, and evaluating and citing sources. (More workshop examples at go/il-workshopideas/.)
- Research consultations: We’ve coached students on selecting starting points, refining research topics, finding search terms and developing strategies for efficient source management.
- Online research guides: One example of a discipline-specific research guide is the Psychology Guide at go/psycguide/. It links to PsycINFO, the major resource for psychology literature searches, provides discipline-specific advice on citing sources, and lists the name and contact information for the Psychology librarian. We’ve also created course-specific guides for more specialized needs. (More guides at go/guides/.)

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