

The Sacramento City College Library credit courses are designed to equip students with vital research skills, enabling their success in college classes and on the job. Students will gain “research survival skills” to cope with the information rich environment in which they live and work. In particular, these classes teach students how to find and evaluate information from print, the Internet, and other online resources.

SCC Librarians offer non-credit sessions demonstrating the use of library resources and the Internet. The library web site (<http://www.scc.losrios.edu/library>) links to a wide variety of sources provided for SCC students and staff to satisfy a range of research and information needs. Librarians are also available to guide students through the research process whenever the library is open. Please drop by the reference desk on the second floor of the Learning Resource Center for assistance or more information.

Library (LIBR)

LIBR 305 Legal Information Resources .5 Unit

Prerequisite: None.

Advisory: ENGWR 101 (College Writing) and ENGRD 310 (Prose Analysis and Interpretation); or ESLW 320 (Advanced-Low Writing) and ESLR 320 (Intermediate High Reading) with grades of “C” or better; or placement through the assessment process. Basic familiarity with computers is recommended for this course.

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 9 hours LEC

This course will explore both print and electronic legal information resources. Students will gain a general understanding of the legal system in the United States and the associated legal resources. They will learn how to analyze topics, define information needs, and utilize appropriate legal resources. It is designed for people working in libraries with legal resources, students who might be doing legal research, or individuals interested in the legal field.

LIBR 306 Genealogy Research .5 Unit

Prerequisite: None.

Advisory: ENGWR 101 (College Writing) and ENGRD 310 (Prose Analysis and Interpretation); or ESLW 320 (Advanced-Low Writing) and ESLR 320 (Intermediate High Reading) with grades of “C” or better; or placement through the assessment process. Basic familiarity with computers is recommended for this course.

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 9 hours LEC

This course will introduce the basics of the genealogical research process including various strategies for obtaining and sharing information about your family background. Students will explore many of the print and online resources available for genealogical research and will be trained to analyze and evaluate genealogical resources. The course is designed for people who are interested in learning genealogy, but who have no previous training or experience with genealogical research.

LIBR 307 Medical Information Resources 1 Unit

Prerequisite: None.

Advisory: ENGWR 101 (College Writing) and ENGRD 310 (Prose Analysis and Interpretation); or ESLW 320 (Advanced-Low Writing) and ESLR 320 (Intermediate High Reading) with grades of “C” or better; or placement through the assessment process. Basic familiarity with computers is recommended for this course.

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 18 hours LEC

This course will explore print and electronic sources of medical information. It is designed for people working in libraries with medical resources or individuals interested in the medical field.

LIBR 309 Consumer Business Reference .5 Unit

Prerequisite: None.

Advisory: ENGWR 101 (College Writing) and ENGRD 310 (Prose Analysis and Interpretation); or ESLW 320 (Advanced-Low Writing) and ESLR 320 (Intermediate High Reading) with grades of “C” or better; or placement through the assessment process. Basic familiarity with computers is recommended for this course.

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 9 hours LEC

This course explores basic resources that today’s business consumers can utilize to fulfill their business information needs. Topics include sources for investment decisions, small business and franchise information, career resources, and consumer research. The course uses a hands-on problem solving approach that emphasizes Internet and other electronic sources.

LIBR 318 Library Research and Information Literacy 1 Unit

Prerequisite: None.

Advisory: ENGWR 101 and ENGRD 310, or ESLW 320 and ESLR 320 with grades of “C” or better. Basic familiarity with computers is recommended for this course.

General Education: AA/AS Area III(b)

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 18 hours LEC

This course provides the information competency skills necessary to conduct academic or personal research. It offers a step-by-step guide to the research process that is applicable to term papers, course work, and life long learning.

LIBR 325 Internet Research Skills 3 Units

Same As: LIBT 325

Prerequisite: None.

Advisory: ENGRD 310 (Prose Analysis and Interpretation) and ENGWR 101 (College Writing); or ESLR 320 (Intermediate High Reading) and ESLW 320 (Advanced-Low Writing) with grades of "C" or better; or placement through the assessment process. Basic familiarity with computers is recommended for this course.

General Education: AA/AS Area III(b)

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is an introductory survey to the content, use, and the evaluation of electronic information sources. Emphasis is placed on the effective use of the Internet as a research tool. This course covers free Internet search tools as well as subscription databases. Communication services such as email, groups, and blogs are also studied as are emerging services and technologies as appropriate. Searching strategies are covered as are techniques for selecting appropriate search tools for different research needs. Historical and social issues surrounding the Internet are also discussed. This course will also discuss the use of Internet technologies in libraries. The Internet seeking and evaluation skills learned in this class are critical for anyone who is seeking employment in a library setting. Credit may be awarded for LIBR 325 or LIBT 325, but not for both.

LIBR 495 Independent Studies in Library 1-3 Units

Prerequisite: None.

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 162 hours LAB

This course involves an individual student or small groups of students in study, research, or activities beyond the scope of regular offered courses, pursuant to an agreement among college, faculty, and students. Independent study in Library coursework allows students to investigate and explore areas of interest in the field.

LIBR 499 Experimental Offering in Library .5-4 Units

Prerequisite: None

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

See Experimental Offering