



William C. Jason Library
Reference & Public Services Department

Information Literacy

Library's Mission

The William C. Jason Library mission for Information Literacy Instruction program is to teach the DSU undergraduate and graduate students and the community how to find and evaluate information, and use the information effectively in accomplishing good research paper.

Delaware State University Information literacy goals

The William C. Jason Library agrees with the definition of information literacy as described by the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), which defines information literate student as one who is able to:

- Recognize when information is needed
- Determine the type and extent of information needed
- Access the information effectively and efficiently
- Evaluate the information and its source critically
- Incorporate selected information into one's knowledge base
- Use the information effectively to accomplish your specific goal

The Information Literacy Instruction Program will offer instruction that will support the teaching, learning, and research process at Delaware State University.

Policy and Procedures

Instruction provided includes:

- General orientation about the library for freshman students to introduce the library resources and services.
- Specific course-related instruction
- Individual research consultation at the Reference desk
- Access to information literacy with our subject guides to our distance students on our satellite campuses.
- Research consultation via live LibChat

Student Outcomes:

- Students should be able to pick out the main concepts or key words/terms from their research statement on their topic.
- Be able to select appropriate database(s) for specific research
- Be able to recognize when to refine searches
- Know the difference between basic search and advanced search and use of Boolean operators
- Recognize the difference between primary and secondary sources
- Students should be able to recognize scholarly journal articles
- Evaluate the search results critically before use by reading the abstract
- Reference the paper using the appropriate citation styles, MLA, APA, or your Professor's suggestion.

Faculty Roles and Responsibilities

In collaboration with the librarians, the faculty provides leadership in the planning for information literacy instruction to all students at Delaware State University.

Class Request:

The library has provided an online request form. This form is located on the main page of the library's web page on the left hand corner under Library Forms, then select Library Instruction Form.

To request that a librarian gives instruction to your class, please fill out the form completely and submit to the *Reference & Public Services* department. All requests should be made **two weeks or more** before the actual instruction date to avoid scheduling conflict. If there is a schedule conflict, you will be contacted for alternate date(s). A librarian will contact you confirming your request.

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Library Hours:

Mon-Thu: 8:00 AM - 12:00 Midnight
Fri: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sat: 12:00 Noon - 5:00 PM
Sun: 2:00 PM - 10:00 PM