LRES101: Library Resources 101
Partial Syllabus

This is a partial syllabus to give you a better idea of what to expect if you enroll. If you would like additional details or have questions, please contact Dave Dettman at ddetman@uwsp.edu

Course Information

Course Description
This is a 1-credit, graded course.
Class meets either once or twice a week (full semester option versus second half semester option) or online. Face-to-face classes typically meet in room ALB 107 right in front of the Food for Thought Cafe.

The purpose of this course is to help you become proficient and discerning in using library resources to obtain relevant information. You will learn information literacy skills, concepts, and strategies for college-level research. You will also learn how to access, use, and evaluate information resources and will become more familiar with the Library.

Textbook & Course Materials

Required Text
- There is no required textbook for this class. There will be occasional readings posted in D2L or distributed in class.

Required Materials
- D2L Access (I will post assignments, & readings)
- We will provide laptops for some in-class activities, but if you have your own laptop or mobile device with Internet Access, please feel free to use that.

Course Structure

This course is a combination of lectures, discussions, activities, tours, assignments, and guest speakers.

Student Learning Goals

- **Select and access information sources** – you will learn to navigate a variety of information systems, catalogs, and databases to select the most appropriate resources for your research needs.
- **Search techniques and strategies** – you will learn to employ search strategies appropriate for a variety of information systems.
- **Evaluate sources** – you will learn how to analyze sources to determine the reliability, quality, validity, accuracy, authority, point of view, bias, and relevancy.
• **Cite sources** – you will learn how to cite your research/sources to use information responsibly and ethically.

## Expectations

You will meet the learning goals through a combination of the following activities in this course:

- Attend all classes
- Complete all assignments and readings
- Participate in discussions

Hopefully you are enrolled in the class to learn more about the library, how to locate and search for sources, and general information literacy concepts, which will help you in other classes in your academic career.

- Please check your email, as well as D2L, for class information, assignment updates, and grades.
- We may have in-class and group assignments where you will use your phones, iPads or laptops to complete those tasks. However, during lectures or guest speakers, and when you need to pay attention, please turn off your cell phones. It is the polite thing to do.
- **Academic Integrity & Plagiarism** – You are responsible for reading and understanding the University’s policy on [Community Rights](#) (Academic Standards & Disciplinary Procedures).
- Accommodations – please inform me if you have any special accommodations needs.
- I am here to help you and want you to succeed in this class. Please always ask me questions if you are unsure of something.