

Welcome to the Information Fluency Buffet

An important goal of the First Year Experience is to introduce students to the academic library and the research process.

Students arrive at Colorado College with varied exposures to library materials, both print and online. They possess a great deal of knowledge about technology and the web, but their knowledge of fundamental academic library tools and evaluative skills are often deficient.

At the Tutt Library, we believe that the best place to introduce students to their information resource options is within the context of their courses. To that end, we have prepared this menu. It is our hope that FYE instructors can work with their librarians to devise a healthy, multi-course meal that will help their students begin to be information literate.

Tutt Library Instruction Librarians

Each FYE course is paired with a librarian. The librarians will contact instructors prior to requested sessions to confirm dates and to work out appropriate details.

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Please visit the Library FYE Web page at

www2.coloradocollege.edu/library/instruction/fye.html

On this page you will find

- ☞ Sample FYE Library Assignments
- ☞ Tips for Designing your FYE Assignment
- ☞ List of FYE Courses with Librarians
- ☞ ACRL Information Literacy Standards



Borders and other decorative devices taken from the Colorado Menus Collection, Tutt Library Special Collections

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INFORMATION FLUENCY BUFFET

A
Select Menu
for the
First Year Experience

Tutt Library, Colorado College
Reference Desk: 719-389-6662
Reservations are encouraged

Included With All Meals

The items listed below are included with every Main Course or Side Dish

Tour

Physical tour of Tutt Library locations and service desks

Basic Introductory Information

Services offered by library, hours, van to Boulder, circulation information.

Souvenir Coffee Mug

Attractive and functional.

Suggested Meals

Prix fixe combinations of Main Courses and Side Dishes

Annotated Bibliography

Combines sessions on bibliographic databases, finding books, scholarly vs. popular information sources, evaluating sources and citation/style guides. One step further—a review essay.

Researching a Debate Topic

Finding resources on both sides of an issue. Online catalog, article databases and web searching. Evaluation of sources, especially bias. Statistical sources if appropriate.

Finding Biographical Information

Use popular press, scholarly articles and books to find biographical information on a person.

Tracing a Concept in a Discipline Over Time

Example: How was the professional literature in Anthropology treating the topic of evolution in the 20's, 40's, 60's etc. Print and online journals/scholarly vs. popular periodicals. Trace back bibliographic citations from current articles.



BILL OF FARE.

The Main Course

These items are healthy choices for any FYE course and can be served alone or in combination with any of the "side dishes." Each selection can be "seasoned" to taste for a particular course assignment.

Article Databases

Ebsco Academic Search and other selected subject databases are covered. Keywords, wild cards, Boolean searching. How to determine if Tutt Library owns a particular journal cited by a database. We provide an excellent foundation in Ebsco and can expand the session to introduce databases important to specific courses or disciplines. Suggested side dishes: Scholarly vs. Popular, Citation Formats, Keyword Searching.

Following the Citation Trail

Taking citations from bibliographies and other reference sources and locating them in Tutt or other libraries. Finding titles in the Tiger. Determine which of Tutt's online databases might contain a title. These citations in turn might point to other valuable material. Different formats—physical (bound, current, microform) and online. Prospector and WorldCat if appropriate

Finding Books at Tutt & Other Libraries

Search techniques for the Tiger Catalog. Differences between, keyword, subject, author, and title searches. Limiting techniques. Truncation and Boolean search techniques. Save a search and email the results. Call numbers & locations in Tutt. Prospector and Worldcat if appropriate.

Web Searching

Google and beyond. Differences between search engines. Tricks and tips of search techniques. Evaluation of sources—authority, bias, currency, timeliness, purpose, publisher. Difference between general "web searching" and the library "subscription" databases and articles. How to cite web sources.

Side Dishes

Select one or more. Designed to be combined with a Main Course.

Evaluating Sources

Print and web sources use similar evaluation techniques. We'll cover: authority, bias, currency/timeliness, purpose, publisher, etc.

Keyword Searching

Differences between keyword searching and other searches—author, title, subject, etc. When to use keyword searching. How to select terms.

Scholarly vs. Popular Sources

Characteristics of a scholarly publication vs. popular. How to locate. Definition of the term "peer review."

Citation Formats

How to cite both print and web sources using the citation method specific to the discipline.

Statistical Sources

Tailored to specific subject area. Basic indexes to statistics. Print and online sources.

Avoiding Plagiarism

Combined with faculty's explanation of honor code, we will focus on citation methods and ethical uses of information.

Special Collections

Tailored to specific subject area. Utilize unique resources on Colorado and the Southwest. Examples of fine printing, historic regional photos, manuscript collections.

Finding Images or Maps

Using search engines to find digital images. Map collections on the web and in Tutt collections. Geologic, topographic, historic.

Government Documents

From Census to Railroad surveys, congressional information to environmental impact statements. Tutt has been a depository since 1880.

Book Reviews & Criticism

Use the online catalog and periodical databases to identify book reviews and critical sources.

Dinner Music

Discover the collection of scores/recordings available on campus. Find information on particular composers, musical genre. Explore & evaluate music resources on the web. Sessions tailored to assignments.

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