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/.)

Contact Us!
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