

Library Instruction at Watson Library



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HELPING STUDENTS AND FACULTY DEVELOP SKILLS FOR THE EFFECTIVE USE OF INFORMATION RESOURCES IS THE PRIMARY GOAL OF WATSON LIBRARY.

COURSE INTEGRATED INSTRUCTION SESSIONS, focus on specific research skills such as research paper techniques and the use of electronic resources, and are available at faculty request. These sessions are most effective when they are directly tied to a specific assignment like a paper, annotated bibliography, or other research activity.

ORIENTATION 1010 briefly introduces students to the services and facilities of the Watson Library. Students attend a brief Powerpoint presentation and complete a self-guided tour. An exercise accompanies the self-guided tour, enabling students to get hands-on experience with library resources such as the online catalog and electronic databases.

We have three locations available for classroom instruction:

- **ROOM 115** seats up to 60 students, and has an electronic lectern and projection system
- **LIBRARY INSTRUCTION LAB** has 17 computer terminals that allow students to actively engage in learning research skills
- **SECOND FLOOR STUDENT/FACULTY READING ROOM** seats 45 students and has a portable projection system

For all instruction sessions, please contact the library at least a week in advance.

The librarian who schedules your session will need to know the course number, number of students, date and time of the instruction session, and a phone number where you can be reached.

You are expected to attend the session with your students. If you cannot attend the session, please contact us as soon as possible.

**TO SCHEDULE A TOUR OR INSTRUCTION SESSION
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