Library Instruction – Student Evaluation for BIOL3100 November 2007

Please help us assess the effectiveness of the library instruction sessions by taking a few minutes to answer the following questions. Your responses will be used to improve the library instruction sessions and assignments for this course. Thank you!

Student name (optional)…………………………………………….Date………………………………………

Please circle the appropriate response

Overall evaluation:

1. In general, the handouts, examples and assignments were appropriate for my information needs for this course

   Strongly disagree ......1........2........3........4.......5.......Strongly agree

2. As a result of these sessions I feel that I:
   a. Obtained a good understanding of the information gathering and research process

   Strongly disagree ......1........2........3........4.......5.......Strongly agree

   b. Am better prepared for research in other biology courses

   Strongly disagree ......1........2........3........4.......5.......Strongly agree

   c. Learned enough about Biology resources for me to conduct systematic research for my course assignments

   Strongly disagree ......1........2........3........4.......5.......Strongly agree

   d. Know how to formulate a research strategy and run it in different databases

   Strongly disagree ......1........2........3........4.......5.......Strongly agree

3. I now have an overall understanding of how literature is published in the sciences that I didn’t have before

   Strongly disagree ......1........2........3........4.......5.......Strongly agree

Please comment:
4. I now know how to critically evaluate websites for inclusion in bibliographies for papers

   Strongly disagree ......1..........2...........3..........4..........5..........Strongly agree

   Please comment:

5. I now understand how and when it is appropriate to use Tertiary, Secondary and Primary literature in my course work.   Yes            No

   Please comment:

Use of the Library Website:

6. Since the library instruction sessions do you use the library website to find information more frequently?
   Yes            No

   1......................2......................3......................4......................5
   Daily           Weekly           Monthly

7. My understanding of how to find biology resources in the library has changed
   Yes            No

   Stayed the same........1........2...........3........4............5........Gone up

8. How often did you access the library session resources on Moodle?

   Never.........................1........2...........3........4............5........For each assignment

The following questions are about the assignments. Where appropriate, please comment on the level of difficulty, the time it took to complete the following assignments, and the value they have in giving you transferable skills for other courses

Week 1

9. The in-class exercise in session 1 where we compared one research article with another article and presented our findings to the class was useful in helping me understand how to evaluate scientific literature for inclusion in my assignments

   Strongly disagree ......1........2...........3........4............5........Strongly agree

   Comments:
10. The “scavenger hunt” take-home exercise was useful in learning to use the library and find out about its resources.

Strongly disagree ......1...........2...........3...........4...........5...........Strongly agree

Level of Difficulty easy......1...........2...........3...........4...........5...........too difficult
Time taken to complete fast......1...........2...........3...........4...........5...........too long
Value of skills learned low value......1...........2...........3...........4...........5...........high value

Comments:

Week 2 assignments

11. Gathering background information on a mammal and writing a paragraph based on tertiary resources.

Level of Difficulty easy......1...........2...........3...........4...........5...........too difficult
Time taken to complete fast......1...........2...........3...........4...........5...........too long
Value of skills learned low value......1...........2...........3...........4...........5...........high value

Comments:

12. Searching Biological Abstracts

Level of Difficulty easy......1...........2...........3...........4...........5...........too difficult
Time taken to complete fast......1...........2...........3...........4...........5...........too long
Value of skills learned low value......1...........2...........3...........4...........5...........high value

Comments:

13. Formulating a search strategy for a research topic

Level of Difficulty easy......1...........2...........3...........4...........5...........too difficult
Time taken to complete fast......1...........2...........3...........4...........5...........too long
Value of skills learned low value......1...........2...........3...........4...........5...........high value

Comments:
Week 3 assignments

14. Web of Science Citation searching

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15. Finding information about a researcher in biology

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16. Writing an annotation for a research article

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Comments:

17. Please comment on whether there has been a change in your use of the following sources of information for your research as a result of your having participated in the library research sessions.

a. Library Catalogue
   - Did you use it before the library sessions? Yes No
   - Are you using it now? Yes No
   - How useful do you find it as a resource?
     not useful........1...........2...........3...........4...........5...........very useful

b. Steacie Library website
   - Did you use it before the library sessions? Yes No
   - Are you using it now? Yes No
   - How useful do you find it as a resource?
     not useful........1...........2...........3...........4...........5...........very useful
c. Biological Abstracts
Did you use it before the library sessions? Yes No
Are you using it now? Yes No
How useful do you find it as a resource?
not useful........1...............2.............3.............4.............5......very useful

d. Biology Research Guide
Did you use it before the library sessions? Yes No
Are you using it now? Yes No
How useful do you find it as a resource?
not useful........1...............2.............3.............4.............5......very useful

e. Web of Science
Did you use it before the library sessions? Yes No
Are you using it now? Yes No
How useful do you find it as a resource?
not useful........1...............2.............3.............4.............5......very useful

f. Medline
Did you use it before the library sessions? Yes No
Are you using it now? Yes No
How useful do you find it as a resource?
not useful........1...............2.............3.............4.............5......very useful

g. Grey Literature in academic and special interest websites
Did you use it before the library sessions? Yes No
Are you using it now? Yes No
How useful do you find it as a resource?
not useful........1...............2.............3.............4.............5......very useful

h. Google or other internet search engines (please name them)
Did you use it before the library sessions? Yes No
Are you using it now? Yes No
How useful do you find it as a resource?
not useful........1...............2.............3.............4.............5......very useful

i. Google scholar
Did you use it before the library sessions? Yes No
Are you using it now? Yes No
How useful do you find it as a resource?
not useful........1...............2.............3.............4.............5......very useful

j. Refworks
Did you use it before the library sessions? Yes No
Are you using it now? Yes No
How useful do you find it as a resource?
not useful........1.................2................3................4................5......very useful

18. The best thing I learned in the Library research sessions was:

19. I would have liked to learn more about: