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

     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:

15. Finding information about a researcher in biology

     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:

16. Writing an annotation for a research article

     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:

17. Please comment on whether there has been a change in your use of the following sources of information for you 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: