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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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

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.

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