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LIBRARY AND LEARNING RESOURCES

LEARNING AND TEACHING PROGRAMME

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Due to the flexible nature of our sessions, we can support specific groups within our community, including those returning to education and students from overseas. Our sessions can be delivered virtually or face to face, to support a blended learning approach.

All members of the LTRS team have, or are working towards, a PgCert in Higher Education and are experienced in delivering information skills sessions, workshops and tutorials. We are happy to attend any curriculum development meetings and to explore with you how information skills can be embedded within your course.

The team work closely with colleagues in the Centre for Academic Success and Personal Development Department in supporting information and academic skills development. Within ADM, the team also work with their colleagues from CLiC (Culture and Language in Context) to support their students' academic needs.

Each Faculty or subject has its own particular needs, so please contact the team on your campus to discuss this further.

EXAMPLES OF SESSIONS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS

Induction

A short session where we welcome students to the University and introduce them to library services and staff who can help them.

Supporting your research topic

Suitable for level 6 students this session enables participants to apply a recognised process for reviewing the literature and ensures that they are aware of and know how to access the range of sources available to them. Students learn how to develop an effective search strategy, and how to evaluate which sources of information are relevant to their research project.

Preparing for your first assignment

Aimed at level 4 students this session encourages participants to consider what the key components of their topic are. By questioning whether there are differing perspectives and considering alternative terms, students will gain an insight into what the key focus of their research should be.

Using financial, company and market information

A focused session where students will be introduced to the key databases holding financial, company and market information. It is of obvious use to business and design students, but it is also useful for students seeking to gain an insight into a specific sector for employability purposes.

Developing your skills

In recognition that students at level 5 need to start expanding their research to include more current and academic resources, this session serves as an introduction to subject-specific databases and reliable websites. From this session students will start to understand the value of using academic sources of information to help them to achieve a better mark in their assignments.

Systematic searching techniques

This session will alert students to various searching techniques to ensure that they find all of the information available around their topic. It will also encourage them to search beyond the University's collection.



BOOKING

Booking a session is easy. Simply contact your Learning and Teaching and Research Services Librarian with your requirements. Sessions can be designed with specific subjects or modules in mind. We can design our sessions to accommodate various levels, from Foundation through to PhD research level. Online resources are also something which we are happy to develop to support specific courses and to accommodate various learning styles. Bookings can also be made online through our Teaching Request form: https://bcu.libwizard.com/f/librarian_teaching_request

TUTORIALS AND WORKSHOPS

Our team of librarians is available for either individual or group tutorials. These can be designed to focus upon a specific assignment or enquiry, and can be delivered in person or online.

We are also happy to meet staff who wish to enhance their own research skills. Simply contact your librarian or visit our online booking site at: www.bcu.ac.uk/library-tutorial

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