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- I found this course to be quite interesting and very informative. It has helped me with doing research for two of my classes this semester. Before taking this class, my research took a lot of time and was difficult, not knowing what resources were available or where they were located. There are volumes of books with so much information where sometimes I did not know where to start. This class has made my research for my last paper a lot easier because now I know how to use the library resources and how to get what I need.

- By taking this class, my research papers are much better. I believe that the course is perfect as it is because you work at your own pace and you communicate with your instructor all the time. The class meetings help a lot. The instructions in each unit are very clear...Thank you so much for having me in your Library Information Literacy class. I really enjoyed working on the workbook. I learned a lot from this course. Now, my research paper will be easier, and I can include more information into them.

- This Library Information Literacy class helped me a lot because now I can find articles and information for research papers. This class helped me with my homework for a Health Science course, and I am getting an A in the class.

- The library class did help me a lot. Things are much clearer with my ability to find things in the library. When I forget how to use certain tools, I get help from the librarians. They were wonderful. If I use the tools more often, they would stick with me. Thank you and have a great summer!

- Because of the Library Information Literacy class, I was able to get many sites for my MLA research papers in both my high school and my college classes without the help of the librarian. I think that this class should be mandatory so that the librarians’ job would become a lot easier, and people could be more self-sufficient. I found it easier to do research in the library for all of my classes. I would have to say that Yes! This library class has helped me in all of my other classes.

- Doing a research paper has always been my most troublesome experience in school. I don’t know where and how to start the search for my topic, let alone finding a database that is reliable to use. The Library Information Literacy course helps not just in these categories but also in searching the web better and definitely more effectively. Through the end of the school year, there have been so many research papers flying at me each week, providing me with no time to process the situation. However, the course helps me dearly and guides me to a successful, or at least, a foundation in order to build my researching ability not only this year but more ever helpful in my higher education.

- Many students will be happy to take this class, or they might think it’s too overwhelming for them because for me it was a challenge, and I am glad I took the class!
• When I enrolled in the Library Information Literacy class, I was not sure what to expect. Once, I started completing assignments in my workbook, I began to learn a lot. I was excited to be exposed to certain things I never even knew existed, such as many of the interesting reference books. I felt that the instructor was extremely helpful and easy to contact... I enjoyed this class and am confident that it will be a useful tool in the rest of my academic career. Thank you!!

• Taking this course will surely help in future classes and helps me individually in my use of a library facility. This course is an important and major resource tool in college which should have been one of the first classes for every student entering college. It is also very helpful for a new student in a campus to be familiar with the library facilities, services, and resources. I never understood the significance of the letters and numbers in a call number; it makes a lot of sense to me now... Also, thousand thanks to the staff at the Reference Desk. They have all been very nice and so helpful.

• LIBRARY 1 class was perhaps one of the best classes I have taken here at Delta for many classes that I enrolled in required many researches to strengthen my speeches, term papers, and reports. I felt shy asking other people to assist me in searching a book that I needed. I am glad to say that I no longer need to ask a person (except librarians) to locate the book for me. So many databases are available to aide me through a speech or paper topic that I did not knew about.

• I realized I needed this class to help me in my first semester. I don’t think this course could be nay more helpful. The instructions were clear... I received a great wealth of information even through the mis-management of my study time. “Thank you, Dr./Ms. Wang!” I truly appreciate your kindness and patience.

• The Library Information Literacy class helped me a lot. However, because of job related and family difficulties, I feel that I was not able to learn even more. I learned to use my home computer more, expanded my search skills and made me feel more at ease within the quietness of the library.

• Instructions were clear, improvements not necessary, and I know it should be a mandatory class for all school kids and adults like myself, reentering college at 58. There is no real excuse why everyone should not know all about library systems. The only difficulty that perhaps should be addressed is opening at least 4 hours on Saturdays.

• Taking the Library Information Literacy course has helped me tremendously in my other classes that I am taking and also in future classes. It helped me by showing me how to use the online databases so that I can find opposing views on a subject for an essay in my English class. Also, it helped me in my Psychology class in finding an article about psychology to help me write a summary for an assignment. Lastly, it helped me because I found out how to research better for future research papers in my classes!
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To: Jun Wang <jwang@deltacollege.edu>

Dr. Wang,

I will turn in Unit 5 tomorrow. I did not realize that I still had Unit 5. I thought I corrected and turned it in. I am sorry for the mistake. It was also a great advantage for me to take the class. I wish I had taken the class earlier in the semester. I learned a lot from this class, and it was a great class. Thank you so much for the pleasure of giving me a chance to be in your class.

Sincerely,

Daphney B. Unciano

P.S.

See you in Hawaii whenever you get a vacation to come there. I will be leaving Stockton this July. Thank you again.
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Rebecca Reitz:

This class is interesting and I enjoyed it! I liked searching books and other references in the library, such as on the catalog, etc. Ever since I completed all eight units of this course, I know where a lot of things are located within Goleman Library. On Unit 8, the report helped me to gain more knowledge about my career, which is assistant preschool teacher. I'll refer the Library 1 class to others because it helped me!

Nancy Sor:

I enrolled in this class because I needed the one unit it offered. I actually turned out to like this self-paced, individual class because I learned where needed materials are for research and term papers. I had never imagined the endless subjects of books and depths of free knowledge out there in libraries. All you have to do is take the initiative to go out and explore what is there for you. I know many students depend on www.google.com where more than half of the information is not published, searchable books and articles. I recommend this class for serious students who want to use the library as a tool for success in college.

Guinna Salton:

When I started taking this class, I thought it is not that useful, but I had to change my mind other than doing the Unit #2. I realized that how simple it would make to do research on computer or "GoCat." I am taking English 79 also this semester, so this class made it very easy for me to research for my English class. Now I know how to find articles, journals, books, and even videos online. This class was a challenge for me, but I have to admit that I learned so much from this class and enjoyed it also. This class will help me with my future classes where I have to use writing styles such as MLA, APA, etc. Thank you so much Jun Wang for giving me a chance to learn about the library. Now I have confident about my future classes at Delta. Keep up the good work!

Pegan Chaharmahal:

The instructions were clear. If I had any question, I asked the instructor through e-mail and she answered me immediately. I learned a lot of new information. I recommend this class to other people as well.

Dear Dr. Wang:

Thanks for everything, I really appreciate your kindness.
Rosemarie Nicolaysen:

I have to say that this class, at times, felt overwhelming to me because I did realize the amount of work that was expected. As I went forward with the class, I realized that all the work was needed in order to fully understand and utilize all that the library has available to students. The workshops were very informational. I enjoyed learning how to search data that I could use for other classes. I especially enjoyed the CountryWatch workshop. I find learning about details of other countries very fascinating. This course did help me with my Criminal Justice course. I was able to use several search engines from the library website in the comforts of my own home and successfully finding data that I used for my 10 page term paper. Thank you so much for your detailed chapters, too!

Brad Casenave:

I found the class to be extremely helpful in how to use the library sources. I had never ever been inside the library until I took this course, let alone using every kind of source the library offers. The information seemed very up to date because it dealt with all kinds of online information as well. The instructions were very clear, besides all of the smeared text in the workbook. I even used a lot of the information to search sources for some of my other classes. This class will continue to help students if you keep it up to date.

Chester Harrison:

Library Information course helped me a lot. Now I can do my research faster than I did before. It also helped me in my class when I had to do a paper, or had to do some homework. The class was a great learning experience. I had a great time; the only thing that you may need is that if someone is looking for a map of the world, or another country, you may be able to put that on the worksheet next time, that’s all.

Julie C. Sam:

The Library Information Literacy course helped me to find things specific. It actually helped me how to use the database online. And also, I knew where the books are and be able to know what the initials on the books side subjects are. What is really amazing is I like about the workshops because it teaches me where to find the information more instead of using the books, even though it’s a one hour workshop. One thing is I even enjoy and fun with was the workbook because I have to use my critical thinking brain by using Library catalog, database online, books, and etc, to find the answer to the questions. It was really challenging for me especially chapter 5, I believe.
Jinrich Nguyen:

1. Library Information Literacy has helped me tremendously. It has helped me to gain knowledge about where items are located and has helped me locate books easily. It has also guided me through one of my other classes where I had to look up items for my research topic.

2. I like how this course is designed, on a 2 hour/week basis.

3. The instructions are always clear.

4. All information was relevant and the author gave precise directions.

5. I loved every aspect about the course!!

Loretta Hewitt:

This library class has helped me in the library tremendously. Before I took the course, I didn’t even properly locate a book. Now I feel confident in locating books. I also feel less nervous about research paper, now that I know about the many resources available. I did not realize that Delta offered so much free online information. I learned that the people that sit at the reference desk are always willing to help with anything. With taking this class, my eyes have been opened up to know how helpful the library really is.

Yolanda Lopez:

Yes, I knew exactly where to look for certain information. Taking this class was a great experience, especially since I will be transferring. Thanks!

Waymond Hall:

Well, I must admit I started off slowly and I paced myself in the beginning. However, all of the application I have put into this class has benefited me greatly. If it were not for being able to concentrate in this library, I would not have learned to focus on my other classes. Furthermore, the tools that this class has given me fuel my hunger to maybe continue on to learn more in this field. I had a little trouble with adjusting with workshops, but that was my fault. Overall, I feel that this was a challenging class and I truly am glad to have taken it. Thanks, Dr. Wang.

Ana Baird:

I’ve learned a great deal about how to use the library. In addition, it did help me out with my other classes. For example, I did an advanced search on the Roman Empire in the Gale Virtual Library Encyclopedia for my history class and I’ve learned more about it—it was useful for one of the test I’ve taken there. As a result, I’ve got an A on it, and that would be about 96%. I believe that the things I’ve learned from this class will also help me with my future English classes, when I have to write essays or research papers—it already did with the research paper I wrote for this class. I would highly recommend this class to other students—there wouldn’t be any difficulties because this
class is very helpful and the instructions are very clear, and there’s nothing that should be left out, in my opinion. However, I feel there must have been something included in this class. I was hoping that maybe I would also learn how to use some machines that are located in the first floor of this library, such as the microfoches, audios and videos, self-check-out machines, and the copy machines. What’s more, I was hoping I could learn how to use the geographical books and other geographical contents. Honestly, if I didn’t neither enjoy nor liked this class, I wouldn’t have said this and I wouldn’t care for its improvements, but I do for the own good of this class and its future students. If all these things I could’ve learned will be taught in the next continuous courses—and I’ sure there’ll be more lessons than these ones—then, with much pleasure, I will take them.

Fameeza Khan:

Taking the Library class has enabled me to better understand and use the library. I believe that the course is at its best at the moment. The instructions are very clear. I happen not to manage my time very responsibly; therefore, I got carried away and waited till the last minute to submit my work. Nevertheless, I enjoyed the class very much. It was a very flexible and very informative at the same time. The final was a little bit confusing. Anyways, I would like to thank Mrs. Wang for a great class. Happy holidays to all!

Amanda Moberly:

Taking this class did help me in other classes. I was able to search the library and outline databases for research and to study for tests. I like that you can do this class at your own pace and set your own hours. There isn’t much I can suggest to make it better. The instructions were clear to understand, though if you have never used the resources before, it takes a minute to understand what is being asked for, which is why I took this class. I believe that using CDs and other musical and video aid should be added. That way we can learn how to use those as well, not just where they are. This class was very informational and I plan on using the information I learned as long as I can.
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- I thought the class was interesting and very different. I enjoyed the fact that it is at your own pace, which allows me to also spend the much needed time on my other classes as well as work. Taking this class has better prepared me for any kind of research I would need to do later on in classes. I will know what to look up, where to, and how to do so quickly. Honestly, I think the class is good the way it is. The instructions were simple and very clear. Sometimes, I had difficulties, but I would just re-read and solve the problems myself. (Kyle Provencher)

- I feel as though this course was very detailed. There was a substantial amount of new material that was foreign to me. I completed each unit in an appropriate time frame, not knowing if I would remember the particular exercise again. For a student in college that is pursuing a Bachelor's or Masters' degree, this course is extremely helpful. I feel as though I developed a great deal of respect and admiration for librarians. (Melody Flores)

- Taking the Library Information Literacy course helped me in finding research more easily for my papers. Learning about all the online databases and reading the call numbers were what benefited me. I believe that having the future students do more of a "treasure hunt" to find books, etc. to help them navigate more easily within the library environment. The instructions were clear for me, but sometimes I misread it causing me to make mistakes (which were my fault). I think that the entire packet was good and covered many of the basics that one would need for taking this class. I feel, however, that more review on call numbers should be issued and have a broader range of encyclopedia, volume, etc. activities should be added. This is because the students can get more practice in looking up things (research) in a book instead of the Internet. The Internet is fine, but within the scientific age of time, sometimes we forget the values of paper and authors. With this said, I believe that my experience with this class has been an excellent one and would highly suggest that others should take it. I think that my broader knowledge of the library will greatly help me in the future as I get further in my high school years. I also thank my instructor for being there for me when I needed her most. :-) (Emily Palacio)

- Taking this course did help me in my other classes, especially learning about the online databases and how to conduct searches to get specific results. I applied the information I learned when I would have to do research for my other classes in order to write papers. At the end of the course workbook is a list of research strategies and from Unit VIII I am able to retrieve and organize resources for research papers that I have. I think all the knowledge I acquired will continue to benefit me throughout school, and even after that. (Katelin Fine)

- Taking this class helped me with my other classes. Unit III was very helpful because I was writing a paper on the subject I used for it. So, by
looking up the different databases, I found many different articles that helped me a lot and even some that I had not even seen from other sites. It also helped with some other classes when I needed to find a book for them. I no longer walked around the whole library to find it. I was able to go right to it. (Kesha Lewis)

• This Library Information Literacy course did not currently help me with any of my other classes. I actually took the class because it was suggested to me to fill my one unit which I was short of for the semester. I had Chemistry and Anatomy, so I did not really come across any time that I should have used it. But, I think there might have been times where I could have. I just had so much other stuff to focus on that I kind of put this class on the back burner until almost the end of the semester. But, after really working hard on it, I realized this is going to be a great help for me when I take my English class next fall semester. I am excited to use all the knowledge I gained about our library. I did not know about half of this stuff. Great easy to understand book! (Valentina Rivera)

• Library Information Literacy course is helpful and has helped me do an effective search on a topic or subject. I had two classes where I had to do a research paper, and this course actually guided me to doing an excellent paper through effective research. This course was quite interesting and very informative. This course also helped me organize resources for an effective search, using the online databases which serve as greater resources than what can be found on the Internet. Learning to use the reference sources and periodicals and understanding the layout of the library improve time and work efforts to a minimum. I enjoyed the class which works well when you are busy with school and working a lot. (Anh Nguyen)

• I am not sure whether taking the Library Information Literacy class helped me in my other classes, but I do know that it made me aware of resources that are available to me, and I could use them when needed. I already used the library a lot before the class, although it may have helped with my efficiency while I am here. It is a useful class overall. (Andy Lai)

• The LIBRY 1 course has helped me with another one of my classes. Unit 8 helped us learn how to search for information online to write an essay. I found all the information I was looking for for one class while finishing up on another. It was very convenient. My essay on Alzheimer's was finished in about 30 minutes due to the assignment of Unit 8. I very much appreciate this, and I am glad that I made this decision to join this course. (Dante Willis)

• I feel in this present day and time, that searching through book indexes is a waste of time and effort. We are now in the computer age where life is run at a much faster pace than in the 60's where we had to depend on manually flipping book pages. These searches through book indexes take at least 30 minutes or more. One can get on the Internet and find something in five minutes as opposed to 30 minutes or even one hour.
Our lives are too full these days to take that kind of time searching manually. (Cindy Scarpelli)

- This class was useful although not particularly for me in my Chemistry class. In the past, I had classes that the information I learned in the classes would really have streamlined some of my projects. As I look forward to some of my future classes, I am sure that this knowledge will be important, and I am glad that I took this class. The only thing I would change, and it is not the class, but the library hours. I do realize that the reason the library is no longer open as in the last is because of funding. Working students like myself could use later and weekend hours. The workshops could also be held in the evenings. That, too, would be helpful. (Angela Stratton)

- The Library Information Literacy performed a most basic function on my part, guiding me through hands-on approach to the newer technological aspects of library use—the computer. I was familiar with the old method of the card catalog. The idea of using a computer was quite intimidating and frustrating in the past. I am generally aware now of how to begin a search, move around the screen and to seek the aid of the Reference librarians when needed. They have been most helpful and generous in their knowledge and assistance. Other than the orientation, a second mid-term session (approximately one or two months into the semester) would have been helpful in support open questions and review. The instructions and the workbook were clear and the examples were excellent for answering the questions. Perhaps more questions would reinforce the learning process. Thank you! I enjoyed the class. (Rita Seeman)

- I am not currently taking any other class, so I was unable to incorporate the knowledge immediately. However, I am sure I will in the future. I am tempted to write the paper I developed a thesis for. The instructions were clear and useful. I plan on earning a B.A. and am confident that with the skills I learned in the Library Information Literacy class, I will have more compelling arguments. (Michael Graafs)

- This class helps me pretty much. I learned pretty much by taking this class as right now I know how I can find books available in Goleman Library. It helps me pretty much as I wrote a report on topic of "Origin of Agriculture" for my Botany class. It also helped one a lot to improve my grades in other classes. In my view, everybody should take the classes. In my view, everybody should take this class because, I think, it will play a key role in improving the grades. (Junaid Khan)

- This class was very useful to me, not necessarily in my other classes, but in general. Before, I did not know how to find anything in this library; all of my sources would come from online (regular Internet) or from the public library when I have a huge source of information right at my fingertips in this library. Learning about call numbers and reference books will help me to use/find books from any library. The workbook was easy to understand. The directions were simple and straightforward. Thank you, Dr. Wang! (Emily Gritz)
• The Library Information Literacy course did help me in my history 1B (World History) class. We have a paper to write, and now I know how to use the library resources to get the needed information to do my paper. I don’t see how the course can be improved. The instructions given by Dr. Wang were very clear to anyone who paid attention. I don’t think any information should be added or taken out. The class, in my opinion, was very helpful and informative. Thank you, Dr. Wang, for allowing me to be in this pleasant self-paced course. (Monic Lee)

• The library course has not had the chance to assist me in any of my classes yet, but I’m sure it will be very useful to me in the future. I believe the course is fine just the way it is. It forces us to go to places we probably never even knew existed for information. It is very helpful to know that all of this is out there. The instructions were clear and understandable. I cannot think of anything that was left out. It seemed to have covered a great deal of information. (Justin Holcomb)

• I felt that this Library Information Literacy class greatly helped me in my other classes. I have had to write speeches and research papers for other classes quite a bit, and this class expanded my knowledge a lot. I was never too good or creative at my research before. The Internet was my main source of information. I now know how much better and respected sources of information to use. The online databases discussed in this course were extremely helpful for research. I am not one to read through four books to find information on one topic, so the online databases were great. I will definitely carry my new knowledge of library resources to my future university and my everyday life. I’m glad I took this course, and I will definitely recommend it to my friends. 😊 (Julia Nicholas)

• After taking the Library Information Literacy course, I realized that there are endless sources in the library that can help you find books, articles, and essays for a homework assignment or research paper. I have been utilizing these programs and search engines for several of my research papers. It gets me to what I want without having me to dig through several books, periodicals, and essays. The instructions are very clear. The instructors are always ready to help you and to answer your questions. Also, they can give you helpful advice. In my opinion, I don’t think that anything was left out in the workbook. My other instructors have said that I had good sources on my MLA citations. This course has greatly expanded my knowledge of library resources and services. (Winnie Chen)

• I wish I would have taken the class when I first started here at Delta College. It definitely would have helped me in my research needs for Speech and English classes. I never knew how to look up or find anything here in the library. Now, I am confident in my library skills. The part of this class that I have found to be the most useful is all of the online references. I had no idea there was so much useful information on the library webpage. This is the part of the course that I will take with me to UC Davis and my future research papers that I will have to write. (Mary Menezes)
• Taking this Library Information Literacy course has helped me a lot. I wish I had taken it before. It would have been of great help when I was writing research papers. Now that I have the skills that I have learned by taking this class, I can apply to other papers. Well, I feel the course does not need any improving. To me, it was very self-explain. All the instructions were very clear. I felt that everything that was included should be there and nothing was left out. (Consuelo Ramos)

• Taking this Library Information Literacy course will help me in my current and future classes because it has taught me how to search for books from the catalog and information from online databases. Before I took this class, I didn’t know online databases could be used for research papers and how easy it is to narrow down information on my subjects of interest. I believe that the class could not be any more perfect because it’s at your own pace, and the instructor can always help you. The instructions were always clear and not tricky like other classes might have. Overall, I am glad that I took this class because it will be so HELPFUL now that I am transferring to Sacramento State University. Also, this class has helped me improve in my job at the library. (Alicia Ramos)

• Taking this class has led me to discover all that the SJDC library has to offer. I learned about things that I never knew existed (like the Library of Congress and the online databases), and through this class, I learned how to research topics. I felt that nothing was left out in the workbook or the class and that it covered everything that I need to know when it comes to researching. I would highly recommend this class to everyone! The best part was the teacher, Dr. Wang, who was very helpful and assisted me when I needed help. (Anastasia Case)
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• I believe that the Library information extremely helped me in my other classes. One of my teachers asked me to use the Expanded Academic ASAP database to look up articles on a specific topic, and I knew exactly where to go. I am very thankful I took this class, and plan on taking Library 2 next semester. Thank You!
   --Heidi Wiesner

• This course has helped me a lot in all my classes, many of my teachers say, “You have a lot of informative content.” With the last unit, we had to a thesis and I forgot to turn in that part in but, I used that unit for two of my classes and both teachers recognized it right away. I received a letter grade of a, “B” for both papers. Thank you and Merry Christmas.
   --Carolyn Craig

• This semester in particular, library information literacy did not help me as I did not take any classes that required me to utilize the Delta Library and/or online databases. However, I do know that in the future the knowledge and tools I have attained from this course will be very useful in the future. Library information Literacy should be made into a required course for General Education requirements. It would be the perfect segway into college for incoming freshman and should be paired with English 1A.
   --Rachel Tafoya

• I really liked Library Information Literacy course, but it helped me to learn how to use all the resources available in the library. I took this class because one of the instructors recommended it to me. I am glad that I took this class in my first semester at Delta. Now that I know how to search for information in online-databases and at the library, I feel confident. I know that all the things I learned here will be useful during the following years at Delta even in a University. Thank you Dr. Jun Wang, this course is an opportunity to learn useful tools for future higher education. I really enjoyed library Information Literacy, and I will take Library Skill II next Semester.
   --Martha G. Limon

• It has truly been a great and valuable experience in completing this course. I did not expect to learn so much from this class. Not only am I able to find any book on my own in the labyrinth we call a library, but I can also search the database for relevant information on a research paper. The best part of this class is that I was able to complete the modules on my time. This was very important and beneficial to me because of my crazy schedule. Moreover, the workshop added to the experience. They benefited me by explaining how to use certain databases and how to cite sources in various styles. Furthermore, the modules were very easy to follow and complete with information I can use in the future. I would take this class again if I could and I recommended to everybody.
   --Dania Avelar
• Taking this Library Information Literacy course has helped me greatly in all of my other classes and will in the future classes. Before taking this course I would only use random internet websites to write papers in my courses. But with the information I’ve learned in this class I now know how valuable the campus library is! I use the online database for everything and I recommend it to everyone. The assigned workbook was clear, concise, and perfectly designed for the course. I don’t think anything could’ve been added or that was left out of the material. Thank you so much for opening my eyes to the benefits of the library.
   --Coral Rocha

• Yes, this course helped me in all of my classes when I had to write reports. It was helpful knowing what databases and help sites are offered. Learning the second floor layout made it easier to find the books that I needed. The instructions were very clear.
   --Heather Chandler

• This particular semester I had no papers or subjects to research, however, in the future classes I am sure that I will be aided in what I learned from this course. This course could only be improved by an updating of the work book. I noticed in many of the online pictures and screenshots that the web page was different and even renamed. Yes, the instructions were very clear to me. I wouldn’t go as far as to say that something should be left out, but maybe units 6 & 7 could be combined. A review for the final test at the end of the workbook would be quite helpful.
   --Elizabeth Mackey

• I really enjoyed taking Library 1 for one of my college classes. It helped me a lot in finding specific books in the library and the online catalog. Also, taking Library 1 has helped me in many of my high school classes. I was able to write the correct bibliographic information for all my references in my essays.
   --Mark Galela

• Taking the Library Information Literacy course has helped me in one or more classes throughout the semester. I used it for many of my research projects. The instructions in this course were kind of clear, seeing how I did not ask for help much. Honestly, there really isn’t anything to take out since this stuff is pretty self-explanatory. I enjoyed this semester and I know I’ll be needing this knowledge towards the future.
   --Chinsin Sim

• The Library Information Literacy course helped me in my other classes. I had no idea about all of the online databases Delta had to offer. Nor would I have been so greatly encouraged to use them if it weren’t for this class. I am taking Economics, and one of our assignments was to find newspaper articles having to do with different subjects in economics. For some of the articles I used the NEWBANK database. My citations were also correct, based on the examples I got online. Overall, the class was very helpful, aside some miss communication, but everything worked out.
   --Jeannine Jansen
• This was a terrific class of learning and research studies. My Literacy class allowed me to do other things and participate with this class. This class helped me in my Communication Skills class and understand the usages of MLA styles of writing. The database is informative, but I do like Wikipedia Encyclopedia Web-site. I was able to view different library of congress Styles around the world. The librarians on the second floor are awesome and helpful people. Thank you.
  —Tarryl Johnson

• Taking the Library 1 class this late in my journey through Delta did not help me with my other classes, however, had I taken it early in my education, I feel it could have been a great assistance in aiding me in research. I learned of several resources available through the library as well as online that would have made research projects easier to complete with more resources included in them.
  —Nicole Dyer

• Taking the Library Info. Literacy class helped a lot with my other classes this semester. I had a lot of research and papers to do this semester (9 total) and going thru the units and learning what would be the best way to research/or the quickest way to obtain useful research was a godsend for me. I stumbled thru some of it, but learned useful tools to help me in the future. I would just have one improvement to make to the course, going thru the units; it seems that they need a little updating to be identical to the computer screen. For me that was a little confusing because the pictures of the screens paper where not quite what was on the computer.
  —Milisa Hilton

• One of the most frustrating parts of being a college student was not being able to find the necessary information when doing a paper. Searches were overwhelming and brood and I could not understand what the call numbers meant and how to understand their use. I was stuck with doing simple searches on the web or asking other to help. This course has given me the tools to utilize and exploit every option I have when researching information. The information is clear, accurate, and very useful. The workbooks challenges and focus one to put into practical application the information learned. The only improvement is adding a section on working with the media sources like movies. However overall the course was effective in its goals.
  —Jaron Blythe 

• I enjoyed taking Library Literacy class. I urge people to take this course in your first semester. I wish I could have taken this course in my first semester. What I learned in the packet helped me find information for my assignments. Before, I used to take hours looking for a specific article but now I can find one in just ten minutes. I am very glad I took this course it helped out a lot. This class also helped me find my book I was totally lost in the library. Now I know where everything is located. This will help me because maybe I can get a job filing books now that I know the Library of Congress Classification System. I am very glad I decided to take this class.
  —Jennifer Esparza
• I really enjoyed this course it has actually taught me a lot. It has benefited me greatly considering that I must read one book a month I can now simply go find the book on my own. This also helped for papers that I had to write in both high school and college. The directions were very clear and I think that's why this course wasn't hard. The directions were so simple I just had to go to the library computer and do the steps. There was nothing bad about the course and I recommend it to a lot of people especially to bookkeepers and secretaries.

p.s. Thank you Dr. Wang for allowing me to follow through your class.

--Samer Elayyan

• Instructions in my opinion were given clear. At first I thought it was going to take me a lot of time, but it didn't, as my experience taking this class was very helpful to me. I thought it gave me a lot of information I didn't know I could even do. For example, to look online from my home and that everything in the library (online) is updated. I didn't have to use this for my classes this semester, but definitely I know I will use this for information in the future. Since I am a returning student I thought the instructions were good and simple or easy to follow. I didn't have trouble in understanding this class. It was very interesting that had good and helpful information. I enjoyed the class.

--Maria A. Cobian

• In my resonance in my opinion towards the wonderful Library Information Literacy (Library 1) is great. For the sake if was very helpful to understand the library as a whole heart of skills for education. Which lead me to become empowered with boundless information at my finger tips. In seeking improvement, it was replaced by simply a schedule does for summer semester. The course and instruction was clear and clear with the immediate, assistance of the librarians on duty. In the workbook a layout of (8 total) units. It was leveled to my understanding and pace, which included other classes here at Delta. In relation balanced my fall semester wonderfully and carried me securely in my understanding of Library 1.

--Michael Cenantes

• First of all I really enjoyed this course. I had no idea of all the reference materials that was available to me. The course can be improved by updating the worksheets to match the computer systems, sometimes I was a little confused in what to do. This class was very helpful because I had a speech class and had to research a lot of information. Also I had to look up statistics. Knowing where to look helped a lot.

--Angela Davis

• I want to start off by thanking Dr. Wang and the Library Techs for all their help. You were always kind, helpful, and patient. I loved this course; it’s one that every college student needs to take. I liked that for the most part it was self-paced. I learned my way around the inside of the library as well as the website. I liked the ‘scavenger hunt’ which was hands-on, learned how to research for sources. At its best Learning Library Language was fun. Knowing what the parts of a book were was very insightful; once again it helps in the research area. I carry my library card and
handbook with me in my book bag. At the beginning of the semester the syllabus (for one of my classes) stated I had to turn in an essay in MLA style. I had no idea what that meant. I have never written a research paper or essay in my life. Now, I know what MLA is and that there are a few different writing styles. So, after taking this course I am confident and I can present my teacher with a well written essay. I am looking forward to Library 02 and 03. My Best Regards to all from a very happy student. --Sylvia A. Munoz
Advanced Library Information Literacy Students’ Comments

1. How satisfied were you with the information literacy skills learned in this course?
   - Yes the Library Information Literacy course helped me a lot in my speech class and nursing synthesis class. I was able to do a research paper on the Aboriginals of Australia in my speech class and did research on reducing re-admission to hospitals in patients with CHP in my nursing synthesis class.
   - The information this course provided me with is extremely useful and essential to college classes, and helped me find information on certain topics. Yes it did help me in my other classes. It helped in my English 1D course in citing sources and discovering information. I like most that the course is self paced. It really shows a student’s commitment to stay on track.
   - I was very content with my learning experience in Library II. My research has taught me how to become self sufficient. I enjoyed all of the units. The course was very well written. It was informative in each topic. Dr. Wang, thank you for all of your encouragement. I would like to thank each of the employees for their assistance in my learning endeavor.
   - I am very satisfied with all I have learned in Library II. I was pleased with the knowledge I learned about how to research information on any subject from the previous class, Library I that I wanted to continue learning more in depth about research in this course. I have gained confidence in my research capabilities to find information on any subject I desire to research. I know I find more than enough for any term paper. I actually believe I could research a subject so extensively for to probably write a book on my views of gathered information and knowledge for a controversial subject. I also have the skills to cite and write a proper bibliography for my book if I chose to do such a task. These courses improved me as a person.
   - I am very satisfied with the knowledge I’ve gained by taking Library 1 and 2. I’m learning more about myself and the confidence I have when it comes to finding or researching on a certain subject, not being satisfied with the first thing that comes up on the monitor, but to select the correct information either by reading it in a book at the library or to go online from either source, at school or at home, and get on the Internet and search for the correct answers. I’ve learned how to be patient at school or at home when it comes to me when I’m doing my homework. I like doing my assignments from school at the library. I feel that the atmosphere at the library is positive and helps me to be more focused on what I’m doing. The staff at the library on both floors is always helpful and sometimes they even go out of their way to help me find the information I need. Each and every semester the students and staff learn more and the students really appreciate it.
   - The advanced library class was helpful to me for many reasons. It helped me to understand and utilize the databases for research for term papers, speeches, etc. I also learned how to use many aspects of the Internet that I didn’t know, such as the various ways to use Google. The workshops were also very informative and
well presented. My only problem this semester was time management. I wish I could have finished the last unit but I didn’t manage my time appropriately.

- To me the Advanced Library course was very interesting and very helpful. It showed me a few things that I never really would have thought about, such as the online database workshops, which were very helpful in finding a subject to do my pathfinder on and also researching different websites for my term project for FCS 26. What I liked most about how to use a lot of different resources here on campus, especially the law books, they were very interesting.

- I was very satisfied with the information I gained in Advanced Library Information Literacy. The course helped me in three areas. First, the course was very helpful to me because I am no longer intimidated with the process of conducting research on the Internet or in the library. Second, I now have more options to conduct very thorough research. The course has given me a variety of tools to conduct research. And finally, the information that I have learned is relevant to me because now I have more information and skills to pass along when I tutor students who need information about MLA or APA citation styles. In conclusion, the knowledge that I have learned will follow me to four year university and beyond into my teaching experience.

2. Did taking the Library Research course help you in any of your other classes?

- The one determining factor for me to choose to study in this library research course is due to my preoccupation with genealogy research. I have been contemplating taking some online courses to study genealogy and I do believe these lessons I’ve learned in this course are to be retained and my self-reliance upon these skills, talents, and abilities shall be relied upon and re-emphasized greatly throughout my genealogical career and practice.

- The Advanced Library Information Literacy curriculum emphasizes what is needed in a higher education. My learning experience has helped me in my classes this year and I know it will provide a discipline for my graduate education. Through this curriculum I have gained the ability to understand and use the practical and conceptual tools of the current information technology. I can understand the form, format, location and classification and organization of library resources. I now know how information fits into social situations like universities, libraries, government agencies, research communities, etc. I have the ability to understand and use the tools relevant to the work of today’s research scholar. I know that I will be able to adapt to understand, evaluate, and make use of the new and continuing information technology that is emerging everyday. Through all of these skills I was able to format and crate a successful research paper. Writing is always shaped by its tools and its audience. The computer tools and knowledge that I have gained through this class has changed my writing abilities. As a critical thinker, I do not simply state the problem; I state it and assess it for its clarity. I do not simply gather information; I gather it and check it for its interpretation. I check my interpretation to see what it is based on and whether that basis is adequate. It is very satisfying to know that I gained all of these skills and techniques through a simple course and that will last a lifetime.
3. Are the instructions clear? If not, give one example.
   - All instructions in the course were clear.
   - Some of the units had misinformative questions and it would be nice to have a guideline to answer questions more thoroughly, but it helps to have the reference staff help and discuss the questions.

4. How could the course be improved to make it more useful to you and others taking the class?
   - As for improving the course, it's fine the way it is. I wouldn't change a thing, it is great.
   - I think everything is included, which makes the course very valuable.

5. What is your feedback of the textbook? What do you feel was not covered in the workbook but should be included?
   - The textbook itself is very explanatory and inexpensive and easy to follow. What makes the class really great is the help you get from all of the librarians. I wouldn't change a thing.
   - Nothing. Everything was covered.

Additional Evaluation:

This course has truly been a challenge for me in particular from when I had advance to unit V. the law references. All along, I thought that I would be able to complete the entire course contents in about eight to ten weeks, but apparently not, I could not meet up with my predictions. I found that Unit V. required more study and more research time. There was a particular portion I had miss read the direction, instead of citing a particular case, I went ahead and translated the meaning of the various numbers.

Also, in Unit VI. I had provided an official address other than the required one. Then came my biggest challenge, the Pathfinder, in Unit VII. This unit not only gave me an eye open to the writing world, but also enlightened me about all three different style of writings in practical context. By the time I had completed this unit and turned in my typed paper, I never did realize that something was definitely wrong with the way I had typed up everything. Thank goodness, Dr. Jun Wang went through the paper and asked if I would like to represent it again, since I still have more time on hand. Then I said, yes, because I could right away see what I had done wrong. The two workshops I was opportune to attend were great and very helpful.

Overall, this course has helped in many ways, like independently carrying out Online Catalog Search on any Author, Title, or Subject. Also, I was able to search the Library of Congress Catalog when I was doing my Pathfinder for other bibliographies. I would rate this entire course on scale of 1 through 10, a 10. And also, keep recommending this course to as many people who do not have an idea of this course.
Lastly, I would like to use this great opportunity to thank the entire Library Staff, and to make mention to Dr. Jun Wang that "you are indeed, an excellent Instructor, who truly identifies with your student's weak points, and immediately putting them on the right path for success." And so, I say thank you, very much for the wonderful support you give to all your students. Once again, I am deeply delighted to be one of your outstanding student in this course, and 'Big thanks for the 2005 student recognition award.