Library Teaching: Skills Recommendation

Effective information skills are essential for every student if they are to succeed academically and thrive beyond their time at university. As information professionals we are well placed to equip students with the skills they need to conduct high-quality, responsible research. We offer a wide range of different workshops and lectures, and we recommend a minimum of two interventions for undergraduate students and one intervention for postgraduate students from the menu below.

**Basic information skills (20 mins–2 hours)**

1. Accessing reading lists
2. Navigating the library website and finding resources
3. Understanding the different types of resources and when to use them
4. Evaluating resources
5. Referencing*

*The Skills for Success team also offers referencing as part of their skills support

**Recommendation**

**Undergraduate:** 1-2 interventions during first and/or second year, covering at least 1-4 (90 mins)

**Postgraduate:** 1 intervention at the beginning of their course, covering 1 & 2 (30 mins). Courses with a large number of international students may need more time to cover UK study conventions.

**Advanced information skills (1–2 hours)**

This is suited to students who have already received the Basic Information Skills training and who are undertaking an independent research project (i.e. final year undergraduate students, postgraduate students).

1. Building an effective search strategy
2. Identifying relevant resources and conducting searches on different online platforms
3. Constructing more complex searches using advanced search techniques

Depending on the subject area, you may be also interested in adding optional skills such as:

- Organising and citing sources using reference management software
- Finding statistics and data
- Using special collections and archives
- PRISMA

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**Undergraduate:** 1-2 interventions in second or final year (50 mins)

**Postgraduate:** 1-2 interventions in advance of dissertation project, covering 1-3 plus relevant additional option(s) (2 hours)