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Notice something different about Webcourses?

During the summer, CDL implemented a new Webcourses feature in partnership with the UCF Libraries. You now see an item in your course’s left side menu labeled “Research Guide”. This integration is on by default for each class and may be adjusted through course settings.

If your Webcourse does not currently have a course-specific guide, OR you would rather it be linked to a different guide, please contact me to request a customized guide or provide feedback.

ACE YOUR RESEARCH PORTFOLIO:
HOW TO USE WEB OF SCIENCE AND JOURNAL CITATION REPORTS TO BUILD AND PROMOTE YOUR RESEARCH
Wednesday, October 18, 2017
John C. Hitt Library room 223 ♦ Refreshments provided
See http://events.ucf.edu/event/548575/ace-your-research-portfolio/
for more information and registration ♦ RSVP by October 11
SIX SESSIONS PROVIDED — ATTEND ONE, SOME, or ALL
Value of Libraries

Results of a 2014-2015 library study investigating use of library services and student success (as defined by GPA) revealed that students who used one or more of five library services—library instruction, InfoLit learning modules, the library Canvas course, study room use, and in-depth research consultations—had higher end-of-semester course grades ($M=3.20$, $SD=0.95$, $N=273,137$) compared to their counterparts who did not use library services ($M=3.05$, $SD=1.05$, $N=376,713$, where $N$ is number of credit hours).

Thanks to Dr. Morgan Wang (Director of Data Mining) and Statistics graduate student Kanak Choudhury for their data analysis. For further information about this study or Textbook Affordability @UCF, contact Penny Beile, PBeile@ucf.edu.

Table: Distribution of Grades. 48.18% of library users receiving A grades compared to 42.61% of library nonusers; nonusers received more B, C, D, and F grades.

UCF librarians are working closely with a number of campus stakeholders—including faculty and CDL instructional designers—to promote adoption of free or low-cost course materials. Large scale studies have reported that students who take classes with free or low-cost course materials tend to have higher course grades, take more credit hours, and achieve a shorter time to graduate than students who do not.

The Libraries have created a research guide, "Textbooks, Textbook Alternatives & Course Readings from Library Resources" to assist both faculty and students with alternatives to full price textbooks. Check here to browse thousands of full-text online books that can be used in the classroom or by individual students to supplement class readings.

2016 Tech Fee Award recipients

Africana Primary Sources
- Slavery and Anti-Slavery: A Transnational Archive
- Slavery and the Law Digital Archive
- Black Thought and Culture

Alexander Street Press Videos
- Asian Films I & II
- Caribbean Studies in Video: The Banyan Archive

Sage
- SRM Cases—stories of how real research was conducted
- SRM Datasets—teaching sets with instruction guides
- SRM Video—for research methods and statistics curriculum

Web of Science Citation Connection
- Data Citation Index (DCI) – 1900+
- Derwent Innovations Index (DII) – Patents – 1963+

For more information on any of these, and the full list of funded projects and their descriptions, see http://library.ucf.edu/about/technology-fee-funded-projects/