Information Literacy Overview

Being able to understand, find, evaluate, and use information creatively and ethically is a vital skill to have, especially in the quick-exchange age of the Internet. The incredible volume and pace of information creation and communication is such that, when we cannot simply already know something, we must be able to find out, to sort what is best from the available rush of information. But finding the information is not the end of the process; we must also be able to interpret it, to analyze and critique it, and ultimately, to use it responsibly and originally.

This skill set is known as information literacy. It is fundamental to being a scholar, a professional, or an informed citizen. And while we have always taught it at LMU – as research or critical thinking, for example – we want to be sure each student sees its relevance and is able to apply it — in any and all learning endeavors and with the technology and media that is in current, common use.

For this reason, LMU has chosen to make information literacy a special focus and to teach some aspect of information literacy in every discipline.

We hope the resources provided here will help teacher and student alike in making information literacy a vital part of LMU’s academic culture.