

## Argosy's Online Information Literacy Tutorial

<http://library.argosyu.edu/infolit/>

### Description of Tutorial

Argosy's Information Literacy Tutorial was developed to teach students fundamental and transferable research skills. The tutorial consists of five modules where students learn to select sources appropriate for academic-level research, search periodical indexes and search engines, and evaluate and cite information. In the tutorial, students study concepts and practice them through interactions. At the conclusion of each module, they can test their comprehension and receive immediate feedback.

Each module takes less than 20 minutes to complete.

### Contents of Tutorial

#### Module 1: Starting Smart

Introduction - skills to be learned  
 Information Overload  
 Types of Sources  
 · Magazines  
 · Journals  
 · Newspapers  
 · Books  
 · Library Catalog  
 · Encyclopedias  
 · An Article Index  
 · World Wide Web  
 Selecting Sources  
 Starting with the Library  
 Starting with the Web  
 Thinkfast Game  
 End of "Starting Smart"  
 The Quiz

#### Module 3: Finding Articles

Introduction - skills to be learned  
 Popular Magazines or Scholarly Journals  
 · Popular Magazines  
 · Scholarly Journals

#### Module 2: Choosing a Topic

Introduction - skills to be learned  
 Now, Get Curious!  
 Narrowing Your Topic  
 Brainstorming  
 Online Indexes & Databases  
 The Magic of Indexing  
 Keyword Searching  
 Using Keyword Searching  
 · Connectors  
 · Truncation  
 · Nesting  
 Types of Databases  
 End of "Choosing a Topic"  
 The Quiz

#### Module 4: Using the Web

Introduction - skills to be learned  
 About the Web  
 · The Internet  
 · Groups on the Web

Why Use an Article Index?  
What Will an Article Index Do?  
Two Types of Indexes - General Indexes  
Two Types of Indexes - Subject Indexes  
Your Assignment (Sample Search)  
Have Skills That Travel  
End of "Finding Articles" Quiz

### **Module 5: Citing Sources**

Introduction - skills to be learned  
Transmitting Ideas  
Parts of a Citation  
Citing Your Sources (style guides)  
Plagiarism  
Plagiarism? It's Your Call (examples of plagiarism)  
Five Tips for Avoiding Plagiarism  
And Then There's Copyright  
End of "Citing Sources" The Quiz

· URLs  
· Domain Names  
· More Dots  
To Use or Not to Use?  
Locate It on the Web  
Subject Directories:  
Commercial  
About Search Engines  
Search Engines - Google  
Metasearch Engines  
Tips for Better Search Results  
Refining Web Results  
Explanations for Refining Web Results  
Judging What You Find  
End of "Using the Web" The Quiz