

LibrarySkills@UCL Workshops

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Explore and library resources

This workshop provides a brief overview of everything you need to know about using the library. Our 'Top 10' will whiz through the vast range of facilities and services on offer, everything from the different types of study spaces available and how to borrow books, through to accessing your library account and online reading lists. We'll make sure you're happy using Explore to find books, journals and other types of material for your courses and assignments. Given Explore's recent upgrade, this session will be of value to all new students and those returning back to UCL who would like to get to grips with the new interface

Wed 30 Jan, 10.00-10.45

Essential search skills

This workshop will develop further your library skills in finding information for assignments, going beyond Explore into the world of bibliographic databases for conducting really comprehensive research. By the end of the session, you'll be able to construct a search strategy for finding reliable information and search appropriate databases in a proficient way to retrieve relevant research material. The principles covered will be applicable to all subject areas and students embarking on a course of study.

Wed 13 Feb, 10.00-11.00

Mon 18 March, 13.00-14.00

Evaluating information: From fake news to academic works

In a world of fake news and filter bubbles, evaluating information is a vital skill. In this session we will address these issues and look at how the sources you use may affect the reliability of the information you find as well as the importance of evaluating all information you use for study or research. We will look at practical techniques for evaluating information to ensure you base your work on quality evidence. This session is suitable for anyone looking to increase their confidence in evaluating information for study or research.

Mon 28 Jan, 11.00-12.00

Referencing and avoiding plagiarism

This session will equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary to cite references correctly and avoid plagiarism. By the end of the session students will understand when and why they need to reference other people's work. They will be aware of the importance of citing references correctly using standard referencing styles such as Vancouver or Harvard. Students will also have a thorough understanding of UCL's plagiarism policy. This session is aimed at anyone who wishes to improve their referencing skills.

Mon 25 Feb, 11.00-12.00

Endnote

EndNote software enables you to collect and organise reference information and to cite references in a Word document, producing a bibliography automatically in a style of your choice. UCL staff and students have access to EndNote software via Desktop@UCL and online. This practical workshop includes how to create and add references and full text documents to an EndNote library, how to use EndNote to insert citations and bibliographies in a Word document and how to work with EndNote Online.

Fri 25 Jan, 11.00-13.00

Wed 27 Feb, 11.00-13.00

Mendeley

Mendeley is a freely available reference management and social citation sharing tool. It enables you to collect and organise reference information and to cite references in a Word document. In this practical session we will introduce the features of Mendeley, including how to add references to a Mendeley library and how to insert citations and bibliographies in Word. This session is suitable for anyone interested in using Mendeley in their studies or research.

Tue 5 Feb, 14.00-16.00

Fri 15 March, 14.00-16.00

For more information or to make a booking contact libraryskills@ucl.ac.uk