

Incorporating Library Research

Interdisciplinary Honors Seminars

There are many different types of writing assignments that you may choose for your Interdisciplinary Honors Seminar. You are **not** required to assign a research paper. If, however, you do want your students to write a research paper, here are some tips, provided by the Rutgers University librarians, for helping your students succeed:

- The librarians at Rutgers have prepared over 82 different research guides, ranging from Astronomy to Food Science to Planning and Public Policy. For the full list, see <http://libguides.rutgers.edu/>. Here is one example of a library research guide: http://libguides.rutgers.edu/history_US.
- Rutgers University libraries also provide a full range of online tutorials for students. <http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/tutorials>
- Instructors may include a link on their course Sakai sites to specific research guides and tutorials. These Sakai research links will also direct students to contact information for specific research librarians in the field so that students can schedule a meeting with a librarian directly through Sakai.

Here are some programs available to you through the libraries:

- A brief session in an interactive library classroom for your students. If you don't want to use the entire 80-minute class period for the library session, you may arrange to stay in the library classroom for the remainder of your regular class meeting.
- A full class period in the library. RU librarians can create a targeted research presentation based on the topic of your course.
- A drop-in library session outside of class. RU librarians will work with professors to set up a Doodle poll so that students can reserve a session. If you wish, the librarians can take attendance so that you know which of your students attended the library session.
- [RefWorks](#) [Rutgers Restricted] -- RefWorks is web-based research management tool that allows one to import references from many electronic databases and catalogs, include citations into one's paper, build a bibliography using a variety of citation styles, and create a bibliography in a choice of formats. See the [video tutorials](#).
- [Flow](#) [Rutgers Restricted] -- Flow is a research management tool that allows one to save citations and full text documents and organize them into one's own personal research library.

For a full list and contact information for the many Subject Specialist librarians at Rutgers, see: http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/subject_librarians.