Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL 68

Course Description:
Research strategies for academic research and critical thinking. Topics include search strategies, citation of sources, and use and evaluation of library resources.

Course Outline:
- Criteria to evaluate sources of information
- Evaluation and selection of sources of information
- Reference sources
- Research question or research statement development
- Library catalogs
- Book evaluation and selection
- Periodical databases
- Periodical article evaluation and selection
- Search techniques that narrow or refine search results
- Search techniques that broaden search results
- Controlled vocabularies to increase search result precision
- Research strategies to construct effective search queries
- Research strategies to develop plans and timelines for research projects
- Academic integrity and source documentation

Course Measurable Objectives:
- Articulate information needs as research statements or questions. (ACRL Standard 1.1)
- Identify and select research tools and sources appropriate for accessing needed information. (ACRL Standard 2)
- Formulate and refine research strategies by applying effective search techniques. (ACRL Standards 2 and 4)
- Evaluate and select sources based on reliability and relevance. (ACRL Standard 3)
- Compose citations for a variety of types of sources following a documentation style guide. (ACRL Standard 5.3)

Student Learning Outcomes:
- Citation SLO: Students will be able to prepare accurate citations for various sources.
- Evaluation SLO: Students will be able to evaluate information sources based on a set of criteria.