Core Curriculum Tips for Faculty: Effective Research Assignments

1. For tips on creating assignments that help students learn research skills and critical thinking, see the UI Library guide Creating Effective Library Research Assignments. Librarians are happy to collaborate with you in designing and planning your assignment.

2. Schedule a library session at a time AFTER students have been given the full requirements for the assignment AND they have decided on their topic.

3. The library session will be designed to meet the needs of your class, but may include creating a research guide that will help your students find information for their assignment and time to do research with help available.

4. Students may have had other library sessions in the past, but may not know how to do research of this assignment effectively. Librarians prefer to tailor this kind of library session to a specific assignment, rather than provide a generic tour or demonstration.

5. Contact Diane Prorak, prorak@uidaho.edu, as soon as you know the research project due date to set a date for the class session, since the library instruction faculty and room can get fully booked at times in the semester.