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## Workshops on Demand

Don’t see what you’re looking for here? Let us know! The MSU Libraries’ offer a wide array of workshops covering research skills, digital literacy, graphic design, 3D modeling, and much more. Workshops are available for classes and groups on a scheduled basis and can be tailored to meet the specific goals and objectives of a particular course or group. For more information about scheduling a customized workshop, please contact:

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662.325.7676

Graduate Student Services  
662.325.0810

Research, Instruction, and Outreach  
662.325.3834

**Special Collections**  
662.325.7679

Thesis and Dissertation Format Review  
662.325.2170

Workshop Information  
[library.msstate.edu/workshops](library.msstate.edu/workshops)

Register for a Workshop  
[msstate.libcal.com/calendar/events](msstate.libcal.com/calendar/events)
Introduction to Mendeley

Mendeley is a citation manager that allows you to create your own personal database of references by importing records from databases such as Scopus and others. MSU students, faculty, and staff have access to Mendeley Institutional Edition. Learn how to build a Mendeley library, share references with other researchers, and use the plug-in to cite as you write.

Introduction to Zotero

Zotero is a free cloud-based citation management system that captures journal articles, books, web pages, and newspaper articles, to seamlessly save them for citations and bibliographies. It comes with MS Word and Google Docs plug-ins to easily manage citations while writing, and it creates your bibliography for you!

APA Citation Workshop

Learn the ins and outs of citing sources and building reference lists using the American Psychological Association (APA) Style Guide.

Introduction to MLA Style Citations, 9th Edition

Learn the ins and outs of using the 9th Edition of MLA Style. Learn how to cite sources and build work cited lists that include everything from books and journal articles to YouTube videos.

Introduction to EndNote Online

Learn the basics of EndNote Online, a free, web-based version of the EndNote citation manager. You'll learn how to capture, organize, and share your references, as well as use “Cite While You Write” to create in-text citations and bibliographies in Microsoft Word.

Providing a showcase for MSU’s scholarship, teaching, and history in a central and open archive. Any MSU-affiliated faculty member, researcher, clinician, staff member, or student may submit their original material for inclusion in the Repository.

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Library Orientation and Tour for New Faculty
A big bulldog welcome to all new MSU faculty and staff! Please join us for this short introduction to the resources and services available at the MSU Libraries. For the in-person sessions, we will begin in our ELI electronic classroom and conclude with a short tour of the Mitchell Memorial Library. Reservations recommended but not required.

Branching Out: Starting a Family Tree with Ancestry.com
Learn the basics of using Ancestry.com, including starting your own tree, taking advantage of the library's subscription to Ancestry's worldwide databases, and employing search strategies to get the best results.

Creating Digital Exhibits in Omeka
Learn how to submit a proposal to create an Omeka exhibit, upload items for your exhibit, describe items with standard metadata, generate and lay out the pages of your exhibit, and more.

Creating Online Surveys? An Introduction to Qualtrics
Qualtrics is a powerful online tool for creating surveys, collecting data, and analyzing responses. This workshop will give an overview of Qualtrics and cover survey design, edit, distribution, and data reporting.

Finding and Managing Sources for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses
Are you thinking of conducting a systematic review or meta-analysis? An essential step is developing effective searches across multiple databases and managing those references in a way that allows them to be evaluated effectively. This introductory workshop provides tips and tools to effectively implement these steps in the review process.

Using Census.gov to find Data
Take a tour of the Census website. See how to find census data and discover how census data is presented in this workshop. Discover the population clock, check quick facts, look at the graphs and maps presented on the new Census website.
**Evaluating Real vs. Fake News**

Today's news and social media environment is overwhelming, and disseminating false information is easier than ever. This workshop aims to equip users with the tools they need to critically evaluate, avoid, and combat false news, misinformation, and disinformation; recognize media and confirmation bias; and scrutinize social media accounts and trending topics.

**Getting the Most out of HathiTrust**

Are you doing historical research or research involving federal government documents? If so, then the HathiTrust Digital Library is an essential tool to be aware of. HathiTrust is a nonprofit collaborative of academic and research libraries that preserves more than 17 million digitized items. The HathiTrust Digital Library provides reading access to full text as allowable under U.S. copyright laws (nearly 7 million items) and “computational access” to materials still restricted by copyright.

**Getting the Most Out of ICPSR**

The Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) is the world's largest archive of social science data. ICPSR is an organization of more than 750 international member institutions working together to acquire and preserve social science data, to provide open and equitable access to these data, and to promote effective data use. In this workshop you will learn the basics of ICPSR and how to use their data in your research.

**Getting the Most Out of Scopus**

Scopus is a multidisciplinary database with strong coverage in sciences, engineering, and social sciences. This workshop will show advanced features of Scopus such as cited reference searching, setting up folders, creating search alerts, and maintaining a Scopus author page. Other search tips will be provided as well.

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**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

**Keeping It Honest: Avoiding Plagiarism in Your Projects**

Plagiarism is a major problem in academic circles and goes far beyond simple “copy and paste.” This workshop offers practical steps, from beginning your research to finalizing your citations and reference page, to keep your assignments plagiarism-free!

**What is Visual Plagiarism?**

Visual resources include images, charts, tables, graphs, maps, drawings, paintings, sculptures, and photography. If you use one of these types of resources in your work, you must cite it. In this workshop, you will learn to use and cite visual resources correctly; as well as the gray areas of homage and parody regarding another’s creative visual material, and the ethical and legal implications.
SOCIAL MEDIA

Using Social Media Responsibly
What does your social media presence say about you? Admissions officers, employers, and Grandma are all looking at your online profile, so make sure it’s the most flattering side! We will help you create and curate your social media experience to work for you. From projecting a professional image, to avoiding hashtag fails and the spread of misinformation, this workshop will have you covered.

SURVIVAL SKILLS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

Demystifying the Dissertation Process
From proposal to defense, this workshop provides strategies for starting and completing your thesis or dissertation.

Developing a Literature Review: An Overview for Graduate Students
In this workshop, we’ll cover the basics of how to structure and write a literature review, with a focus on the thesis or dissertation review.

Landing on the Tenure Track: Job Hunting in Academe
This workshop will provide an introduction to the application and review process typically used for faculty and post-doc positions in higher education.

Publishing 101 - Navigating the Academic Publishing Process
This workshop provides an introduction to the academic publishing process. Topics covered include journal selection, submission strategies, avoiding predatory publishers/journals, managing the relationship with editors and reviewers, and publishing best practices.

Academic Publishing: Selecting a Journal
Where should you publishing your article? This workshop will offer strategies for selecting a journal and include a discussion of open access options and the importance of avoiding predatory journals.

Avoiding Plagiarism for Graduate Students
This workshop will discuss the importance of ethical research. Strategies for avoiding plagiarism will be included. RCR credit will be available for this session.

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THESIS AND DISSERTATION FORMATTING

These workshops cover the submission process for format review and demonstrate how to use the automated templates to format MSU theses and dissertations to the requirements set forth in the standards for preparing theses and dissertations: 8th edition. These templates were designed to help an author organize and format their document with minimal effort so that their focus can be on the content of their document. Those who have already started writing or have already defended are welcome to bring their current documents (either on flash drive or email attachment) to start the process of placing their content into the template.

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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

**Finding the Trail: Using and Making Maps in Genealogy Research**

Learn about using and making maps for the purpose of genealogy research and telling your family story, using resources available in Special Collections and on the web, such as personal and family papers, community newspapers on microfilm, Civil War records, and community histories!

**Genealogy 101: Tips for Successful Family Research**

Attendees will learn the basics of getting started on genealogy research, including: tips and tricks for planning and organizing a genealogy research project, locating and identifying reputable sources of genealogical information, guidance on planning and conducting archival research on genealogy topics, information on Mississippi-specific genealogy research challenges, and more!

**Introducing the Lantern Project**

Attendees will learn about the Lantern Project, a multi-state and multi-institution effort to digitize legal records of enslaved persons generously funded by the National Historic Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) of the U.S. National Archives and get tips on navigating both the project digital collection and specific historic documents included in the project, such as probate records.

All Special Collections Workshops will be held virtually.

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**Adobe Photoshop: Image Filters & Enhancements**
Image filters and enhancement layers in Adobe Photoshop can be used to add new flair to your images. See how to use adjustment layers and masks to bring a new look to your photos.

**Adobe Photoshop: Image Correction and Repair**
Learn how Adobe Photoshop can be used to repair damages photos, remove unwanted elements, and improve the over all quality of your images.

**Adobe Illustrator: Creating Custom Graphics and Logos**
Illustrator provides the tools you need to create amazing designs from scratch. Come learn how to create custom shapes, get creative with text, design logos, and export graphics for print and web designs.

**Adobe Illustrator: Pen Tool Practice and Brushes**
The pen tool in Adobe Illustrator is a powerful tool for creating custom illustrations. Learn some tips and trick on how to use this tool and how to apply artistic brush strokes to your design.

**Adobe InDesign: Dynamic Layouts and Designs**
InDesign is a great final step along the journey in creating print and web publications. Learn how to setup documents for designing brochures, business cards, flyers, and booklets, and how to prep these documents for printing or uploading.

**Adobe InDesign: Principles of Poster Design**
Learn the basic design concepts for creating a poster in Adobe InDesign, where to find MSU logos, assets, and colors, and best practices for displaying your research.

**Adobe InDesign: Data Merge**
Adobe InDesign's data merge is the answer to Microsoft’s Mail Merge. Learn how to set up your data correctly in Excel, export it for use in InDesign, and how to combine the ease of mail merging with the dynamic graphics power of InDesign.

**Creating Pages and Presentations in Adobe Creative Cloud Express**
Learn how to create a professional presentation or webpage using inspirational templates in Adobe Creative Cloud Express (formerly Adobe Spark) . Drop-in your information, images, social media icons and much more. It’s as easy as choosing a template, customizing, and sharing.
Microsoft Office

Office 365: Collaboration, Sharing and Organization
Learn how Microsoft 365, including One Drive and Teams, can help you manage and streamline your workflow efficiently, share and collaborate on documents remotely, and sync your files across all of your devices.

Principles of Poster Design: Microsoft PowerPoint (Online)
While Microsoft PowerPoint is mostly used as a presentation software, there are a few tricks that can be used to create a professional looking poster. Learn how to make use of the tools in PowerPoint to create a conference poster.

Excel Formulas
Learn the difference between formulas and functions and how the two can be combined to unlock the data crunching potential of Microsoft Excel.

Excel Charts
Excel offers a variety of chart options for visualizing data. Learn how to customize default templates to create visually appealing and clearly legible charts and graphs. Participants are also able to complete an assignment to earn a Excel Charts Achievement badge.

Excel Pivot Tables
Pivot Tables in Excel allow you to analyze and pull important summary information from large data sets. In this workshop you will learn how to add fields to rows and columns, filters, and values.

Creating Mail Merge with Word and Excel
Learn how to create a Mail Merge using Word and Excel. You will learn how to set up the Excel file with all the important information needed for a seamless merge. Mail Merge can decrease your time significantly when producing large volumes of letters, envelopes, labels and much more.

Attend Workshop ➔ Earn Badge!
Visit https://www.library.msstate.edu/workshops/digital-badges to learn more.
3D DESIGN AND PRINTING

3D Modeling in Sketchup for Web
SketchUp for Web is a powerful yet user-friendly browser-based 3D modeling program. Come see what makes this program ideal for novice 3D designers and how you can even create a 3D model for printing!

3D Modeling in Tinkercad
Tinker CAD is a powerful yet user-friendly browser based 3D modeling program. Come see what makes this program ideal for 3D designers and how you can even create a 3D model for printing!

3D Modeling in Autodesk Inventor
Autodesk Inventor is a powerful yet user-friendly 3D modeling program. Come see what makes this program ideal for 3D designers and how you can even create a 3D model for printing!

SOLDERING AND CIRCUITRY

Soldering 101: Make your own electronic Tetris game
Learn to solder with this basic kit that plays 4 retro games: Tetris, Snake, Space Invaders, and Racing Car. Cost: $20.00

Electronics 101: Make your Own Operation Game in an Altoids Tin
Celebrate Halloween by making your own Operation game inside an Altoids Tin. When building this game, you will learn some basic soldering and electronic skills. Cost $15.00

Soldering 101: Make your own LED Christmas Tree
Learn how to solder and make your own LED Christmas Tree. This workshop will provide you with the tools and materials you need to create a light up Christmas tree to bring some holiday spirit to your desk year-round! Cost $15.00

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MAKERSPACE LASER AND DIE CUTTING

**Laser Cutting and Engraving with Glowforge**
Your library has a new and exciting piece of equipment, a Glowforge. What is a Glowforge? It is a laser cutter that engraves, cuts and scores on many types of media. Learn how this awesome machine works, how to work in Adobe Illustrator, how to find designs if you are not creative, and discover the materials you can use for your creation.

**September 14**
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**October 5**
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**November 1**
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

**November 8**
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

**November 16**
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**Cutting Decals and T-Shirt Designs on the Cricut**
Come see how the Cricut die cut machine can be used to transform your designs into vinyl stickers and decals, cutout stencils, and heat-transfer designs to press onto T-shirts and fabric.

**Creating Ornaments on the Glowforge**
Come experience how we are using our new Glowforge machine to make magical ornaments. In this workshop you will learn how the laser cutter cuts, scores, engraves on wood, acrylic and much more. We will be using your cut product and assembling it with wooden beads, tassels, and twine.

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**How to 3D Print: From Design to Final Product**
3D Printing is far from an exact science, but that’s what makes a successful print so fun! Come learn the ins and outs of 3D printing and set up a time to create your own print.

**November 16**
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

VIDEO EDITING AND PRODUCTION

**Creating Video Tutorials with Camtasia**
Learn how to easily create a video tutorial using Camtasia. This workshop will cover creating screen recordings, adding and removing webcam video, timeline editing, annotations, and exporting.

**August 23**
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

**Creating Video with Adobe Premiere Rush**
Learn how to use Adobe Premiere Rush. It’s the all-in-one video editing app for creating on the go. Wherever you are, from your phone to your computer, you can shoot, edit, and share high-quality videos.

**September 19**
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM