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FALL 2023 WORKSHOPS

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Citation Management
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Survival Skills for Grad
Students

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Theses and Dissertations
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3D Design and Printing
Soldering and Circuitry

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Citation Management

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.

August 30	1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
September 11	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
September 22	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
October 5	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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.

September 6	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
September 19	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
October 9	2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Introduction to Zotero

Zotero is a free cloud-based citation management system that captures journal articles, books, webpages, 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!

September 13	2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
November 8	2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Introduction to Chicago Style Citations

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

September 13	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
September 28	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
October 18	2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Introduction to APA Style Citations, 7th Edition

Learn the ins and outs of citing sources and building reference lists using the American Psychological Association (APA) 7th Edition Style Guide.

September 20	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
October 5	2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
October 24	5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
November 7	5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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.

September 21	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
November 2	4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Research Skills

Searching in the PubMed Database

PubMed, a database developed by the National Library of Medicine, is a comprehensive resource for searching biomedical and life sciences articles and related content. In this workshop, you will learn the essentials about PubMed and the techniques of conducting more focused searches using Medical Subject Headings (MeSH).

August 23 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

September 13 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Online Success! Library Resources and Services for the Online Student

Are you new to online classes? Do you have assignments that require library resources but are unsure where to start? Help is here! Attend this brief but informative session on how to access the library resources most commonly used for distance education classes. You will learn how to search the online databases for journal articles, the online catalog for books, and how to utilize the Interlibrary Loan system to retrieve items not available through electronic access. There will also be time for any specific questions you may have about your library needs. A recording of the workshop will be made available to anyone who is unable to attend. This event is badge eligible!

August 29 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

September 27 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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.

September 5 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

September 18 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

September 28 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

October 9 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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.

September 6 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Fact or Fake? Detect and Defeat Misinformation

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.

September 14 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

October 19 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

November 16 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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.

September 20 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

October 27 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Finding and Managing Sources for Systematic Reviews and Other Evidence Syntheses

Are you thinking of conducting a systematic review, meta-analysis or other evidence synthesis? 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.

September 213:00 PM - 4:00 PM

October 20.....3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Exploring Open Educational Resources (OER): Faculty Perspectives and Best Practices

Open Educational Resources (OER) are free, openly licensed educational materials that can revolutionize the teaching and learning experience. As academia continues to evolve, faculty are embracing OER as a solution to textbook affordability, customization of content, and fostering a more inclusive classroom environment. In this interactive panel discussion, you'll have the opportunity to engage with faculty who have adopted OERs in their courses. They will share their experiences, challenges, and successes, offering a unique insight into how OER can enhance student engagement and promote equitable access to learning resources. The panelists will represent various disciplines, ensuring a comprehensive exploration of the benefits and implications of OER across diverse academic contexts.

September 281:00 PM - 2:30 PM

November 14.....1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Introduction to Patent Searching

Patents are valuable resources for researchers, especially in the sciences and engineering. This workshop, tailored towards novice patent searchers, will provide an introduction to patents and cover strategies to assist patent searches. Attendees will participate in hands-on learning activities.

October 4.....5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Academic Integrity

What is Visual Plagiarism?

Using visual resources without permission is theft! 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. This includes papers, presentations, theses/dissertations, publications, blogs, etc. In this workshop, you will learn to use and cite visual resources correctly; as well as the grey areas of homage and parody regarding another's creative visual material, and the ethical and legal implications.

September 12 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

October 16.....12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

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! **NOTE: This workshop does not count towards the Academic Integrity Intervention Program.**

September 75:30 PM - 6:30 PM

October 26.....2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

November 9.....4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Savvy Science Writing: How to Identify and Avoid Less Obvious Plagiarism

Are you concerned about plagiarism in your scientific writing? Do you find yourself wondering what plagiarism looks like and how you can avoid it? This workshop will systematically cover forms of plagiarism that often fly under the radar and can be easily missed by the writer. Attend this interactive one-hour workshop to gain knowledge on how to avoid less obvious plagiarism mistakes.

October 21..... 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM ELI Classroom

Social Media

Developing a Professional Presence on Social Media

What does your social media presence say about you? How you engage on social media platforms both old and new can influence how you are perceived by current and future employers, admissions officers, and your peers. Tools in this workshop will help you create and curate your social media experience, avoid hashtag fails and the spread of misinformation, and project a professional image.

October 5.....4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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.

September 62:00 PM - 3:00 PM

October 20..... 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Landing on the Tenure Track: Job Hunting in Academe

The job application process in academia can be confusing. This session will discuss the application process for a tenure track position. Topics include the application packet and preparing for an on-site visit.

September 132:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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.

September 182:00 PM - 3:00 PM

October 28..... 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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.

September 23 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Crafting the Winning Curriculum Vitae

Within higher education, the curriculum vitae (CV) is the tool most often used during the job search process and throughout an academic career. This session will discuss strategies for developing a professional CV.

October 10.....2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Writing the Personal Diversity Statement

Applicants in higher education often find they either need or want to include a personal diversity statement as part of their application packet. This workshop will provide strategies for drafting a statement for use in the faculty application process.

October 23.....2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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.

October 24.....2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Thesis and Dissertation Format Submission

These workshops (offered as either in-person, online, or hybrid) cover the submission process for format review and demonstrates 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.

Online

Mac Session September 6..... 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Regular Session..... September 12..... 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
Education and Psychology October 4..... 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
Regular Session..... October 12..... 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Evening Regular Session October 25 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Hybrid

Regular Session..... August 21 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Giles Classroom
Regular Session..... September 23 10:00 PM - 11:30 AM Giles Classroom
Regular Session..... September 26..... 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Giles Classroom

In-Person

Education and Psychology August 31 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM Giles Classroom
Mac Session October 16 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM Giles Classroom

GRAD STUDENTS!

LIB 9010 class required for graduation

All Master's thesis-track and Doctoral degree candidates **MUST** be enrolled in LIB 9010 during graduation semester.

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Adobe Creative Cloud

Create an Infographic with Adobe Express

Learn how to create an infographic using Adobe Express.

August 23 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ELI/Giles Classroom

Graphs in Adobe Illustrator

We will use Adobe Illustrator to create Graphs. This workshop will allow users to input colorful and creative graphs into reports, posters, and more.

August 246:30 PM - 7:30 PM

September 46:30 PM - 7:30 PM

October 26.....1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Create a Brochure with Adobe InDesign

Learn how to create a 4-page brochure using Adobe InDesign.

August 286:30 PM - 7:30 PM

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.

August 292:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Adobe and AI: Firefly and Express

Explore the world of generative AI through various Adobe apps. Adobe has released its AI model, Firefly, and is incorporating it into beta versions of its apps. We will specifically look at the beta version of Adobe Express.

August 31 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Giles Electronic Classroom

Adobe Photoshop and AI

In this workshop, we will look at how Adobe has added generative AI into the Photoshop Beta. This is a look at what will eventually be introduced in the normal version of Photoshop. This is an online workshop. You will need Photoshop or Adobe Creative Campus on your computer to follow along.

September 5 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

October 3..... 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Creating Your Brand with Adobe Express and Illustrator

In this workshop you will learn how the branding features of Adobe Express work and also how to tweak your designs further in Adobe Illustrator.

September 122:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Create a Presentation with Adobe Express

Learn how to create a presentation using Adobe Express. Embed videos, photos, and slideshows with ease!

September 14 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

October 23.....6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Create a Research Poster with Adobe InDesign

Learn how to create a research poster using Adobe InDesign.

September 202:00 PM - 3:00 PM

October 10.....6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Create an e-Portfolio

Learn how to create an e-Portfolio using Adobe Express. Embed videos, photos, and slideshows with ease!

September 252:00 PM - 3:00 PM
October 18..... 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

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.

September 261:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Create a Zoom Background in Adobe Express

We will use Adobe Express to create a Zoom Background. This will be a fun and informative activity that will cover the basics of Adobe Express.

September 286:30 PM - 7:30 PM
October 5.....6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

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.

October 10.....2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Microsoft Office

Excel Basics

Learn Excel basic skills, including formatting, sorting, autosum, and other useful tips.

August 173:00 PM - 4:00 PM
September 126:30 PM - 7:30 PM
October 9.....2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Giles Classroom

Formatting in Word

Learn how to format in Word, including changing themes, setting defaults, and much more!

August 212:00 PM - 3:00 PM
September 199:30 AM - 10:30 AM
October 16.....2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

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.

September 7 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

3D Design and Printing

In this workshop you will get to explore 3D design and printing basics. Take a tour of the features available in SketchUp and TinkerCAD, and learn the basic functionality and capabilities of the 3D printers in the MaxxSouth Digital Media Center Makerspace.

August 303:00 PM - 4:00 PM
September 20 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Soldering and Circuitry

Whether it's building a mini piano, a Tetris game, or a LED Christmas tree, soldering is the key to making everything work! Come learn the basics and leave with your own personal creation.

September 8 Mini Piano (Cost \$20.00)1:00 PM -3:00 PM
October 13 Tetris Game (Cost \$25.00).....1:00 PM -3:00 PM
November 17 LED Christmas Tree (Cost \$15.00).....1:00 PM -3:00 PM



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Interfaith Prayer and Meditation Room (3rd floor, room 3021)

The room is intended for individual use
The room is available whenever Mitchell Memorial Library is open.
The room is unlocked at all times and can not be reserved.



Reserve the
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Learn and Burn (3rd floor, room 3205)

Equipment includes:

- LifeSpan Workspace Treadmill
(standing desk combination with a manual height adjustable desk and treadmill base)
- Premium Kettlebell Prime weights by Power Systems
(10 lbs)
- Premium Neoprene Dumbbell Black by Power Systems
(3lbs to 9lbs)
- Proelite Covered Tubes by Bands by Power Systems
(Resistance range from extra light to medium)

Sensory Room (3rd floor, Inside the P-S collection area)



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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Graduate Student Services
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Research, Instruction, and Outreach
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