

**JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**State University of New York**

---

**MASTER COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Course Title:** Information Resources for Research

**Course Abbreviation and Number:** LIB 1600

**Credit Hours:** 1 credit hour.

**Course Type:** Lecture

**Course Description:** Students will develop basic skills in research techniques using a variety of print and web-based information resources. Focus is on location and retrieval of information, and evaluation and ethical use of resources.

No requisites.

---

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

1. Select basic college-level electronic research tools based on their information needs.
2. Design effective search strategies for a variety of electronic research tools.
3. Evaluate the information retrieved regardless of format.
4. Use information resources ethically.

*To assess student learning, the course includes embedded hands-on activities and assignments to determine student understanding of the course objectives.*

---

**Topics Covered:**

- Introduction to the research process
  - The information cycle and information formats
  - Introduction to library resources
  - Search strategies
  - Library catalogs
  - Library databases
  - Online search engines
  - Evaluating information sources
  - Copyright, plagiarism, and citations
- 

**Information for Students**

- Expectations of Students
  - Civility Statement (<http://www.sunyjcc.edu/current-students/classroom-civility>)
  - Student Responsibility Statement (<http://www.sunyjcc.edu/academics/student-responsibility>)
  - Academic Integrity (<http://www.sunyjcc.edu/faculty-staff/academic-integrity>)
- Disability/Special Services
  - Any student who requires accommodations to complete the requirements and expectations of this course because of a disability should make their needs known to the Coordinator of Accessibility Services, 716.338.1251.
- Emergency Closing Procedures (<http://www.sunyjcc.edu/student-life/campus-safety/jcc-alert>)
- Course grade is determined by the instructor based on a combination of factors, including but not limited to, homework, quizzes, exams, projects, and participation. Final course grade can be translated into a grade point value according to the following:

A=4.0	B+=3.5	B=3	C+=2.5	C=2	D+=1.5	D=1	F=0
-------	--------	-----	--------	-----	--------	-----	-----

- Veterans and active duty military personnel with special circumstances (e.g., upcoming deployments, drill requirements, VA appointments) are welcome and encouraged to communicate these to the instructor.
- 

**Effective Date:** Fall 2019