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Origin



Content of course

- Introduction
 - What is information literacy?
 - Finding your way around the UP library web site
 - Interlending
- Scopus
 - Searching
 - Setting up alerts



Contents of course (cont.)

- SciFinder Scholar (2 lectures)
- Internet searching
 - evaluation of web sites
- Patent searching
- Refworks
- Total of 7 X 1 ½ hour lectures



Tools and assistance

- Scifinder online tutorial
- Youtube videos
- Colleagues lectures
 - Prof. Ina Fourie
 - Prof. Jeremy Garritano
 - Sonto Mabena



Assignment

- Choose any topic of interest to you
- Write the research problem in a paragraph
- Do a literature survey
- Make screen dumps of your searches
- Write a short report (1-2 pages) discussing how you plan to solve the research problem, referencing at least 5 resources that you used, both in text and as a bibliography. Make use of the Harvard referencing style.



Elements of a written report

- Title, title page (Name , course, date)
- Content (Page no)
- Introduction (aim, etc.)
- Data, results
- Discussion
- Conclusions
- Recommendations
- Bibliography (literature references)
- Supplementary material



Lessons learned

- Practical exercises are necessary
- Group work is fun and preferable
- Assessment is difficult to do on a report
 - Decide beforehand how marks are being allocated, e.g.
 - Searches (30)
 - Referencing and bibliography (10)
 - Elements in the report (10)



Conclusion

- Students did well in their assignments
- Good feedback
- Well prepared for Masters or PhD
- Relationship invaluable

