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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