Bio 1B Research Skills Assignment: Please read this first!

**Purpose:** Learning how to find and access relevant articles and books and how to properly cite your sources are important parts of researching a topic. The Bio 1B Research Skills Tutorials are designed to lead you through the process of searching for articles in the database **BIOSIS** and locating books via **Start Your Search**.

You will use the skills you learn in the tutorials to find resources for the **annotated bibliography** you will create on your topic. These skills will also be useful as you continue here at Berkeley and beyond.

**To register for the Bio 1B Research Skills assignment:**

1. **Find your bCourses message:** You should have received a message in your bCourses Inbox with a link to your assignment.
   
   **Important:** If you do not receive a message from Elliott Smith today in your bCourses Inbox, please contact him immediately at esmith@library.berkeley.edu.

2. **Click on the assignment link in the bCourses message** you received. This link is specific to the version of the Research Skills Tutorials that you have been assigned.
   
   **Important:** You will not receive credit for any other version of the tutorials.

3. **Click on the “Enroll” button**
   
   - **E-mail:** Enter any valid e-mail address; you will need it to **activate your account**
   - **Public username:** Your public username **MUST** have the following format (capitalization doesn’t matter):
     
     **Fa18_yoursectionnumber_yourname**
     
     **Example:** Fa18_101_elliottsmith (Example only: don’t use this as your user name!)
   - **Password:** Make note of your password. If you try to sign in three consecutive times with the wrong credentials the account will be locked for approximately 20 minutes.
   - **Fill in only the required fields** (don’t share personal information unnecessarily)
   - **Click “Create your account”**

4. **Activate your account** by clicking on the link sent to you by e-mail. If you do not receive an activation e-mail within 15 minutes, check spam and then contact Elliott Smith immediately.
   
   **Important:** Do not proceed with the assignment before your account is activated; your score will not be recorded.

5. **To begin:** Click on **View course**

6. **Working from off campus?** You will need to install the Library **proxy bookmarklet** (guides.lib.berkeley.edu/ezproxy/browser-bookmarklet), and set your browser to accept all cookies.
   
   **Important:** If you have difficulties accessing the assignment on your computer you can complete it on any library or campus computer.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON BACK >>**
The Research Skills Tutorials assignment on edX Edge has two parts:

- **5 tutorials** (videos and/or Library Guides)
- **5 graded questions** drawing on information in the tutorials.

**Part 1. Five tutorials**

The 5 tutorials (either videos or library guides) provide important guidance for answering the questions that follow each tutorial.

- Don’t attempt to answer a question relating to a tutorial before reviewing the tutorial.

**Part 2. Five assignment questions (5 points):**

Graded questions follow each tutorial. See “A quick guide to edX Edge” (on the course home page once you log in to the assignment) for information about the edX platform.

- **Multiple attempts:** You have multiple attempts to answer each question correctly. If your answers are being marked as incorrect, reread the question and click on the help links. **Important: Do not submit your final attempt before contacting a librarian for help.**

- **Completing the tutorials:** Once you have checked your answers to all 5 questions you have completed the tutorials and your score has been recorded.

- **Checking your score:** Go to the Progress tab to see your score on the Research Skills Tutorials. **Important: Take a screenshot of your progress page, including your username, and save it.**

- Once you have completed the Research Skills Tutorials you are ready to create your annotated bibliography—see the instructions from your lab instructor. **Important: You must work on the annotated bibliography individually—don’t copy!**

- **Due date for completing the Research Skills tutorials and annotated bibliography assignment:**
  - Monday sections: Monday October 15 at the start of lab
  - Tuesday sections: Tuesday October 16 at the start of lab
  - Wednesday sections: Wednesday October 17 at the start of lab
  - Thursday sections: Thursday October 18 at the start of lab
  - Please check with your lab instructor if you have any issues with the due date.

**Questions or problems with the tutorials or annotated bibliography? We’re here to help!**

- See the Bio 1B Library Guides (http://guides.lib.berkeley.edu/bio1bguides)

- Come to a drop-in session on Friday October 12, 10 – 11 am and/or 1 – 2 pm in the Bioscience Library Training Room (to the right of the Circulation Desk as you enter the library, 2101 VLSB).

- **Send an email** to esmith@library.berkeley.edu (answered 8 am – 5 pm M – F).

- **Contact a Bioscience Library reference librarian**, in person or by phone at 642-2531, Monday – Friday, 1 pm – 3 pm

Thanks, and we hope to see you in the library!