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 Previews** 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 “Register” 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):

     `Sp19_yourlabsectionnumber_yourname`

     **Example:** Sp19_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 the assignment link in the bCourses message, then on **Enroll**, then on **Start 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:**
  - All sections: Friday, April 19 at 9 am
  - 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 April 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. Extended reference hours April 15-18.

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