

CSUN Information Literacy Assessment Survey Results

For the test portion of the survey (Q10-Q22), correct answers are highlighted in **Yellow**. FYI: "Valid percent" excludes values considered missing (answer left blank) in the calculation. Therefore, one should look at valid percent.

1. My major is

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Declared	980	95.6	95.7	95.7
	Undeclared	44	4.3	4.3	100.0
	Total	1024	99.9	100.0	
Missing	System	1	.1		
Total		1025	100.0		

2. I use the Internet MOST OFTEN from:

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Home / Dorm	734	71.6	73.2	73.2
	Work	83	8.1	8.3	81.5
	CSUN computer lab	71	6.9	7.1	88.5
	CSUN Library	72	7.0	7.2	95.7
	An off-campus computer lab / library	4	.4	.4	96.1
	99	39	3.8	3.9	100.0
	Total	1003	97.9	100.0	
Missing	System	22	2.1		
Total		1025	100.0		

3. The number of hours per week that I search the Internet for school, work or personal interest is:

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	10 hours or more	150	14.6	14.8	14.8
	6 - 9 Hours	198	19.3	19.5	34.3
	3 - 5 hours	365	35.6	36.0	70.3
	1 - 2 hours	245	23.9	24.2	94.5
	Less than 1 hour	52	5.1	5.1	99.6
	None	4	.4	.4	100.0
	Total	1014	98.9	100.0	
Missing	System	11	1.1		
Total		1025	100.0		

4. The number of hours per week that I search library catalogs / databases for school, work or personal interest is:

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	10 hours or more	17	1.7	1.7	1.7
	6 - 9 hours	32	3.1	3.2	4.9
	3 - 5 hours	122	11.9	12.3	17.2
	1 - 2 hours	280	27.3	28.2	45.5
	Less than 1 hour	351	34.2	35.4	80.8
	None	190	18.5	19.2	100.0
	Total	992	96.8	100.0	
Missing	System	33	3.2		
Total		1025	100.0		

5. In the past year, I did the following at the CSUN Library or another library:

	Yes	
	Count	%
a. I did not visit the library in the past year.	39	100.0%
b. Studied / relaxed	708	100.0%
c. Checked out / read a library book	446	100.0%
d. Checked out, or used records/tapes/CDs/DVDs	141	100.0%
e. Asked a reference librarian for information.	389	100.0%
f. Used reference books to look up information.	587	100.0%
g. Used archival or rare book materials.	87	100.0%
h. Located newspapers, magazines or journals in hard copy	205	100.0%
i. Located newspapers, magazines or journals on microfilm	55	100.0%
j. Located newspapers, magazines or journals in a computer.	10	100.0%
k. Used a computer to read email or use other software.	505	100.0%
l. Used a computer to search the Internet.	483	100.0%
m. Used a computer to search library catalog / databases.	364	100.0%
n. Others, please specify.	47	100.0%

6. I rate my library / Internet research skills as:

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Excellent	113	11.0	11.7	11.7
	Very good	274	26.7	28.3	39.9
	Good	358	34.9	36.9	76.9
	Fair	186	18.1	19.2	96.1
	Poor	30	2.9	3.1	99.2
	Not applicable	8	.8	.8	100.0
	Total	969	94.5	100.0	
Missing	System	56	5.5		
Total		1025	100.0		

7. Before coming to CSUN, I had formal instruction on how to use a library to find information.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	545	53.2	71.4	71.4
	No	218	21.3	28.6	100.0
	Total	763	74.4	100.0	
Missing	System	262	25.6		
Total		1025	100.0		

8. Since entering CSUN, I have had formal instruction on how to use a library to find information.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	640	62.4	74.0	74.0
	No	225	22.0	26.0	100.0
	Total	865	84.4	100.0	
Missing	System	160	15.6		
Total		1025	100.0		

9. My library instruction experience has helped me to do better on my research assignments.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly agree	171	16.7	17.5	17.5
	Agree	444	43.3	45.4	62.8
	Neither agree nor disagree	192	18.7	19.6	82.4
	Disagree	35	3.4	3.6	86.0
	Strongly Disagree	9	.9	.9	86.9
	Not applicable	128	12.5	13.1	100.0
Total		979	95.5	100.0	
Missing	System	46	4.5		
Total		1025	100.0		

10. Which of the following topics is TOO GENERAL for a 5 minute presentation?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	a. Image of women in violent video games	49	4.8	5.2	5.2
	b. Women in popular culture	56	5.5	5.9	11.1
	c. Popular culture	647	63.1	68.3	79.4
	d. Image of women in the media	68	6.6	7.2	86.6
	e. Don't Know	127	12.4	13.4	100.0
Total		947	92.4	100.0	
Missing	z	78	7.6		
Total		1025	100.0		

11. Choose the BEST set of keywords to search for articles about cell phones that access the Web.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	a. Cell phones access	116	11.3	11.8	11.8
	b. Cell phones web	607	59.2	61.6	73.3
	c. Articles cell phone	194	18.9	19.7	93.0
	d. Access Web	12	1.2	1.2	94.2
	e. Don't Know	57	5.6	5.8	100.0
	Total	986	96.2	100.0	
Missing	z	39	3.8		
Total		1025	100.0		

12. Choose the BEST source of information on a news event taking place right now.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	a. This week's Time magazine	23	2.2	2.3	2.3
	b. Today's Los Angeles Times	243	23.7	24.6	27.0
	c. A book	8	.8	.8	27.8
	d. CNN.com / another news Website	676	66.0	68.5	96.3
	e. Don't Know	37	3.6	3.7	100.0
	Total	987	96.3	100.0	
Missing	z	38	3.7		
Total		1025	100.0		

13. To search for magazine articles about the music group "Black Eyed Peas", I would use the source:

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	a. Library Catalog	155	15.1	15.7	15.7
	b. Almanac	19	1.9	1.9	17.6
	c. Periodical Database	473	46.1	47.9	65.5
	d. Directory	137	13.4	13.9	79.4
	e. Don't Know	204	19.9	20.6	100.0
	Total	988	96.4	100.0	
Missing	z	37	3.6		
Total		1025	100.0		

14. Choose the MOST scholarly resource that explains the effects of video game violence on teenagers.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	a. Journal	705	68.8	69.6	69.6
	b. Newspaper	62	6.0	6.1	75.7
	c. Internet	142	13.9	14.0	89.7
	d. Magazine	57	5.6	5.6	95.4
	e. Don't Know	47	4.6	4.6	100.0
	Total	1013	98.8	100.0	
Missing	z	12	1.2		
Total		1025	100.0		

15. To find out if the Library has a book about writing resumes, I would search the

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	a. Library Catalog	791	77.2	77.9	77.9
	b. Amazon.com	30	2.9	3.0	80.8
	c. Books in Print	62	6.0	6.1	86.9
	d. Library of Congress Subject Headings	49	4.8	4.8	91.7
	e. Don't Know	84	8.2	8.3	100.0
	Total	1016	99.1	100.0	
Missing	z	9	.9		
Total		1025	100.0		

16. What would BEST help determine if a publication is a peer-reviewed journal?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	a. The word "Journal" is in the title	142	13.9	14.1	14.1
	b. It has an editorial board	377	36.8	37.4	51.5
	c. It has a volume number	71	6.9	7.1	58.6
	d. It has few / no advertisements	35	3.4	3.5	62.1
	e. Don't Know	382	37.3	37.9	100.0
	Total	1007	98.2	100.0	
Missing	z	18	1.8		
Total		1025	100.0		

17. Choose the MOST balanced or unbiased source of information for an informative speech on the benefits and limitations of electric-powered cars.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	a. A Consumer Reports magazine article	714	69.7	71.0	71.0
	b. An American Petroleum Institute Report	70	6.8	7.0	78.0
	c. An Electric Car Retailers Association Newsletter article	89	8.7	8.9	86.9
	d. Don't Know	132	12.9	13.1	100.0
	Total	1005	98.0	100.0	
Missing	z	20	2.0		
Total		1025	100.0		

18. The citation "Johnston, Megan. Finance 101: A Freshman Parent's Guide. Money Sep 2003, Vol 32 Issue 9, p 124-126" is a

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	a. Magazine Article	792	77.3	79.4	79.4
	b. Book	89	8.7	8.9	88.3
	c. Book Chapter	60	5.9	6.0	94.3
	d. Don't Know	57	5.6	5.7	100.0
	Total	998	97.4	100.0	
Missing	z	27	2.6		
Total		1025	100.0		

19. The citation "Working Knowledge: 150 successful professionals tell you how to use college to get the job you want / (edited by) Julia Kahr and the staff of the Yale Daily News. New York, NY: Simon and Schuster, c1999" is a

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	a. Magazine Article	214	20.9	22.0	22.0
	b. Book	584	57.0	60.1	82.2
	c. Book Chapter	54	5.3	5.6	87.7
	d. Don't Know	119	11.6	12.3	100.0
	Total	971	94.7	100.0	
Missing	z	54	5.3		
Total		1025	100.0		

20. The following search strategy will retrieve the FEWEST results in an online database.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	a. Britney Spears OR Madonna	382	37.3	39.5	39.5
	b. Britney Spears AND Madonna	491	47.9	50.8	90.4
	c. Don't Know	93	9.1	9.6	100.0
	Total	966	94.2	100.0	
Missing	z	59	5.8		
Total		1025	100.0		

21. Before citing information found on a Web page for a term paper, the following is MOST important to know:

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	a. The Organization's / Author's expertise	99	9.7	10.4	10.4
	b. The information is based on facts/ reasoned opinion.	106	10.3	11.1	21.4
	c. My professor allowed me to use the Internet	36	3.5	3.8	25.2
	d. A and C	49	4.8	5.1	30.3
	e. B and C	82	8.0	8.6	38.9
	f. A,B and C	480	46.8	50.2	89.1
	g. Don't Know	104	10.1	10.9	100.0
	Total	956	93.3	100.0	
Missing	z	69	6.7		
Total		1025	100.0		

22. I need to use an article for my research paper. When MUST I cite or footnote the article in my paper?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	a. I copy a whole paragraph	23	2.2	2.4	2.4
	b. I paraphrase the paragraph in my own words	53	5.2	5.5	7.9
	c. I quote one sentence from the article	118	11.5	12.3	20.2
	d. A and C	188	18.3	19.6	39.8
	e. B and C	63	6.1	6.6	46.4
	f. A, B and C	439	42.8	45.7	92.1
	g. Don't Know	76	7.4	7.9	100.0
	Total	960	93.7	100.0	
Missing	z	65	6.3		
Total		1025	100.0		

23. My library / Internet research skills have contributed to my academic success.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly agree	184	18.0	18.9	18.9
	Agree	508	49.6	52.0	70.9
	Neither agree nor disagree	201	19.6	20.6	91.5
	Disagree	37	3.6	3.8	95.3
	Strongly disagree	16	1.6	1.6	96.9
	Not applicable	30	2.9	3.1	100.0
	Total	976	95.2	100.0	
Missing	z	49	4.8		
Total		1025	100.0		

24. I am a

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	a. Full time student	888	86.6	87.5	87.5
	b. Part-Time student	127	12.4	12.5	100.0
	Total	1015	99.0	100.0	
Missing	z	10	1.0		
Total		1025	100.0		

25. I am currently a

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	a. Freshman	74	7.2	7.3	7.3
	b. Sophomore	73	7.1	7.2	14.6
	c. Junior	296	28.9	29.3	43.9
	d. Senior	406	39.6	40.2	84.1
	e. Graduate	161	15.7	15.9	100.0
	Total	1010	98.5	100.0	
Missing	z	15	1.5		
Total		1025	100.0		

26. I started CSUN as a

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	a. First-time Freshman	396	38.6	39.2	39.2
	b. Transfer student	515	50.2	50.9	90.1
	c. Graduate Student	100	9.8	9.9	100.0
	Total	1011	98.6	100.0	
Missing	z	14	1.4		
Total		1025	100.0		

27. I am a

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	a. Male	351	34.2	34.9	34.9
	b. Female	654	63.8	65.1	100.0
	Total	1005	98.0	100.0	
Missing	System	20	2.0		
Total		1025	100.0		

28. My age is

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0	1	.1	.1	.1
	2	1	.1	.1	.2
	4	1	.1	.1	.3
	18	46	4.5	4.7	5.0
	19	52	5.1	5.3	10.4
	20	95	9.3	9.8	20.1
	21	121	11.8	12.4	32.5
	22	152	14.8	15.6	48.2
	23	124	12.1	12.7	60.9
	24	76	7.4	7.8	68.7
	25	58	5.7	6.0	74.6
	26	27	2.6	2.8	77.4
	27	31	3.0	3.2	80.6
	28	22	2.1	2.3	82.9
	29	15	1.5	1.5	84.4
	30	13	1.3	1.3	85.7
	31	14	1.4	1.4	87.2
	32	9	.9	.9	88.1
	33	9	.9	.9	89.0
	34	7	.7	.7	89.7
	35	4	.4	.4	90.1
	36	6	.6	.6	90.8
	37	5	.5	.5	91.3
	38	5	.5	.5	91.8
	39	4	.4	.4	92.2
	40	6	.6	.6	92.8
	41	6	.6	.6	93.4
	43	7	.7	.7	94.1
	44	4	.4	.4	94.6
	45	6	.6	.6	95.2
	46	4	.4	.4	95.6
	47	6	.6	.6	96.2
	48	4	.4	.4	96.6
49	5	.5	.5	97.1	
50	6	.6	.6	97.7	
52	2	.2	.2	97.9	
53	4	.4	.4	98.4	

54	1	.1	.1	98.5
55	4	.4	.4	98.9
56	2	.2	.2	99.1
57	4	.4	.4	99.5
58	2	.2	.2	99.7
60	1	.1	.1	99.8
99	2	.2	.2	100.0
Total	974	95.0	100.0	
Missing System	51	5.0		
Total	1025	100.0		

Frequencies for Age

N	Valid	974
	Missing	51
Mean		25.25
Median		23.00
Percentiles	25	21.00
	50	23.00
	75	26.00

29. I am

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	a. African American	59	5.8	5.8	5.8
	b. American Indian	6	.6	.6	6.3
	c. Asian American	80	7.8	7.8	14.1
	d. Filipino	17	1.7	1.7	15.8
	e. Pacific Islander	13	1.3	1.3	17.1
	f. Mexican American	129	12.6	12.6	29.7
	g. Other Latino	98	9.6	9.6	39.2
	h. White	393	38.3	38.3	77.6
	i. Other	147	14.3	14.3	91.9
	z	83	8.1	8.1	100.0
	Total	1025	100.0	100.0	

30. At CSUN, I am currently involved in:

	Yes	
	Count	%
a. Athletics	30	100.0%
b. Honor Society	53	100.0%
c. Professional Association	46	100.0%
d. Intramural Sports	31	100.0%
e. Fraternity / Sorority	43	100.0%
f. Recreational Club	40	100.0%
g. Student government	14	100.0%
h. Not applicable	666	100.0%
i. Other	68	100.0%