

## CSUN Faculty Survey of Library Book and Audiovisual Collections, Fall 2006

### Appendix 2: Open Ended Answers and Comments

Q2: Department	Q5: Course Assignments	Q13: Research Interests	Q24: Comments
Accounting	tax research using the RIA database	bankruptcy law and taxation	
Accounting and IS		Electronic financial report	
Anthropology	PowerPoint presentations about Latin Americana	New World archaeology; Latin American Colonial history	Special Collections and inter-library loan service are extraordinary university assets.
Anthropology	10-15 page research papers on any aspect of the supernatural in the modern world, from an anthropological perspective.	Religion, folklore, festival, ritual and witchcraft in Europe and the United States; folklore and anthropological theory, esp. post-modern critical theory; Neo-Pagan movements.	Please restore the catalog of audio-visual materials as SEPARATE from the rest of the materials in the library. Searching for films I need has become too cumbersome and tedious, and I can't find them half the time. Please consider replacing missing books immediately. Many of the books I use for my subject area are regularly removed by patrons who find them offensive. This means material listed in the card catalog is often not on the shelves. I can neither request it from ILL (since it appears to be in the library's catalog), nor ask that it be purchased (for the same reason). I end up going to UCLA for it, or buying it myself. But students who need material on witchcraft, Satanism and Neo-Pagan religions for class assignments do not have these privileges; they are the ones who lose out.
Anthropology	research papers	Andean South America; craft production (especially ceramics and textiles; anthropology; archaeology	

Anthropology		Prehistoric archaeology	This semester I taught an introductory class and all the readings were available for student purchase. Therefore, this semester I did not require the students to go to the library. The library's collection does not meet my research needs because these are highly specialized. The ILL service does excellent work on my behalf, however.
Art	research for exhibition wall texts on Oceanic art	Ethiopia, Ghana, the Congo African, Native American, and Oceanic art museum issues, popular culture, cultural anthropology	Maria in the Audiovisual center has done a fantastic job locating and ordering instructional videos i've requested. In addition, Mary Woodley did an excellent job in ordering books to strengthen the collection's holdings of non-western art history text when I was first hired in 2003. These are basic texts for teaching purposes but they are not adequate for in-depth, subject specific research on non-Western cultures. For this, I refer students to (and I use) UCLA.
Art	contemporary and modern art research	contemporary and modern art in theory and in practice, public art and individual artists	books from my field of inquiry are dated and not very plentiful at the moment
Art	how to use the internet to find scholarly articles.	art history and current scholarship on women artists	
Art			It is imperative that the library offer a screening room where students can watch assigned videos together. Trying to facilitate this by trying to schedule a weekly SMART classroom somewhere on campus and alert student's of its location, has proven to be very difficult.
Asian American Studies	Research papers on Asian American topics, immigration, mental health, etc.	Race and nationalism, Asians in Latin America	Better viewing options for students such as small group room with A/V equipment. Some way for students to watch video resources online?
Biology		Biology and systematics of insects	
Biology	look at NCBI website for references	developmental neurobiology	students do not go to the library frequently enough and use its enormous resources!
Biology	Focus papers on issues in Biology that require ethical thought.	Plant genetics Evolution	I find the library and the staff very useful for all of my needs.

Biology	term paper using primary and secondary sources	GENETIC AND EPIGENETIC REGULATION OF GENE EXPRESSION	
Biology		Molecular genetics, cellular differentiation, and physiology of prokaryotes	
Biology		I am interested in marine biology, physiology, and nonlinear dynamical systems.	I also subscribe to the library of the university where I was a student because it gives me better access to research materials, even though I have to pay the expense personally. This is increasingly common among the graduate students in my department. I would like to assign students more research in the library but find they prefer to use the internet in general and have difficulty assessing the quality of sources. Maybe training in evaluating and finding source would help undergraduates use the library resources. I have found the ILL office discouraging and use it only as a last resort. I really appreciate the expansion of online journals available through the library!
Biology	Looking up topics related to the class on the internet using www.nih.gov, pubMed and google	developmental neurobiology, sensory structure formation and function	Would like the library to purchase more current books in the field of developmental biology.
Chemistry & Biochemistry	We have a scientific literature search class for using the internet to look up literature. The students do a short assignment on how to pull up everything from Textbooks to primary research articles.		What would really be great is if we could expand the range of on-line scientific journal subscriptions
Chicana/o Studies	I always assign a research paper in lower and upper division classes.	My area of research is focused on women of color and political activism.	I have found the librarians to be outstanding in regard to locating materials, providing research assistance to students, etc. The collection is good, but of course does not always have the most current publication that I need. When that is the case, I send an email to Dr. Karin Duran and she will see purchase is possible.

Chicana/o Studies	Semester long research project titled "Social Change and Cultural Identity in _____." Every other week, students turned in one to two pages long research topics. Interdisciplinary in nature project includes a bibliography, maps, social indicators, voice of the culture, human rights and any other topic of choice students wishes. Very successful in my opinion and my student responses seem to indicate that as well.	Latin American Studies in general. Central American literature. Zapatista Movement, Cuban Revolution, Changing role of women in Latin America, Border studies.	
Chicana/o Studies	Research on issues affecting Chicanas and famous Chicano/as; argument essays.	Theatre, linguistics, languages	Maybe many of those video VHS's can be converted to DVDs.
Chicana/o Studies	informative speeches, persuasive speeches, tribute speeches	Musicology, gender and race relations.	Faculty should be able to get digital dissertations free, not at cost.
Child and Adolescent Development	-10 page literature review on controversial topics in CADV	Communication strategies of early adolescents' conflict resolution tactics.	
Child and Adolescent Development	research paper short papers on current issues in CADV	achievement motivation discrimination cognition research methods theories of development	
Child and Adolescent Development	Locating a journal article related to a specific career of interest to the student, gathering career info from various web sites (BLS, CEDD), research a professional organization's web site	adolescent stress and coping, adolescent social networks	
Computer Science	paper reviews; Multimedia research on CODECs	Multimedia: streaming video, compression	
Computer Science	Reviews of technical papers in software verification and validation.	Software engineering and software usability	

Economics		Public policy, programs and regulation; health economics	I love the online access (for journal articles and other articles, including newspaper articles and, now, interlibrary loan). It's like a miracle for this "old-timer." I really like it that I no longer have to remember the bar code on my campus ID and can use my standard ID and password to access the library online resources from home. These days, if I need a book I sometimes check to see how cheaply I can get it on Amazon (used) before I go over to the library.
Economics	Statistical analysis on topic of student's choice.		
Economics		Public policy, public choice	
Educational Leadership and Policy Studies		Technology for use by instructors. Accountability for School Leaders.	
Educational Psychology and Counseling	literature review on an issue in the field	psychosocial development of college first-year (and, generally undergrad) college students career indecision identity development of undergrads mentoring - - of all students	The library faculty and staff ROCK!! I feel very supported and get outstanding service.
Elementary Education	research on social studies issues and classroom practice research topics for teaching units	teacher induction social studies education issues in multicultural education	
English	Annotated bibliography on topic related to course content in a graduate seminar.		
English	4-6 page essays on the issue of body image and voter turnout.	Renaissance Literature, Feminist Theory, Queer Theory, Dramatic Theory.	

English	1) current status of an animal species; 2) journalists' protection of their sources; 3) online/web-based classes vs. traditional classes	reading-writing connections and critical reading strategies and skills	Regarding Q. 6-8, my responses on satisfaction are for the books that students were able to access; some books were not available. Secondly, regarding Q. 11, I encourage my students to research a variety of sources for their three major essays (i.e., books, online or print journals, print or online newspapers, news websites, personal interviews, and so on). Books are not the only or primary source that my students use.
Family and Consumer Sciences	5 page paper on a specific architect and a particular building students used the census data to study their neighborhoods.		I think we have a great collection and I thank you for your kindness and generosity to interior design! After the terrific presentations students received in FCS380 students used Wikipedia!! instead of books and journals requiring me to ask Doris to give us a "refresher course" on plagiarism and research!
Family and Consumer Sciences	Critical review of published scientific manuscripts on genetics; Presentation on nutrition, genetics and health req add'l library/web access.		Obtain add'l materials at USC Norris Library.
Family and Consumer Sciences	Research paper using scholarly journal articles		
Geography	One course had a library 'scavenger hunt' as a part of a research skills lesson. Graduate courses use readings from J -stor	popular culture, social justice, landscapes	
Geography	Data sources for statistical analysis Weather resources for interpretation	Post-fire erosion on hill slopes in SoCal Climate change in eastern/arid California Coastal erosion Flooding and mechanics of sediment transport	

Geological Sciences	Research papers using article from peer-reviewed scientific journals	Volcanology	Access to online geoscience journals is incomplete, and should include electronic subscriptions to Journal of Geophysical Research, Geophysical Research Letters, Mineralogical Magazine, Canadian Mineralogist, as well as access to pre-1997 articles from Journal of Petrology, Contributions to Mineralogy and Petrology, and Earth and Planetary Science Letters. Also, we really should have electronic access to Science and Nature.
Geological Sciences	Term paper on water pollution issues	Groundwater and water quality related issues	We need more water-related journals.
Health Science			
Health Science		medical anthropology, environmental studies, sustainability, community health	I am especially pleased by the inter-library loan service, and have used it since its inception.
History	Bibliographic and research papers on Middle East History.	Medieval Middle Eastern history, specifically court politics in Egypt, Iran, Iraq, and Yemen in the eleventh century	I have asked the reserve room to buy books that we needed for classes. I did not know there was a purchase form on the library's home page! It would be useful to have a librarian go over our collection with me and decide what needs to be bought and what can be bought in my subject area. Perhaps in coordination with people in other departments who work in similar fields.
History		Print culture, Los Angeles, politics; American history for survey courses	

History	Library scavenger hunts for History 301 Short research papers related to assigned readings in Asian History courses. Historiographic paper in graduate course Long research papers using primary and secondary sources	Research on 19th & 20th century Chinese History. 19th century world history. History of photography in China.	I have been happy with the core book collections in my field, and have found the library to be responsive to requests for books. Inevitably, however, I need and many of my students need to go beyond the CSUN collections for research projects. The online proprietary resources have been very valuable. Audiovisual has been a different matter. I don't believe the library has responded to a single audiovisual request I have made (I had much better luck before the library took over this function); so I have pretty much given up. Collections are haphazard at best -- the documentary films are almost all long out of date and seem not to be purchased on a regular basis in fields outside US history, feature films (especially non-Hollywood) are very limited. The potential value of films as historical documents (and therefore the desirability of collecting older films) seems not to have occurred to anyone in that department.
History	sort papers relative to topics in history.	Antebellum U.S. South, middle class formation, regional identity, U.S. West, American Indians.	Some titles simply are not in the collections.
Journalism	Review of academic literature on topic of student's choice involving journalism	International mass communication, online journalism, blogging, social movements and the Internet	You need to change the two-week check-out policy for graduate students. At least give them a couple of months. The international news/global communications section was quite weak when I arrived 6 years ago. It's gotten better, but still has a way to go.
Kinesiology	Take home exam	Skeletal muscle insulin signaling and carbohydrate metabolism	
Kinesiology	Journal articles for evidence-based practice relating to sports medicine	Biomechanics of injury and rehabilitation	We need to have the ISI Web of Science search engine.
Kinesiology		Motor development	



Management	Choose a book for a book report between call letters HD20 and HD70--I pre-approved about twenty authors and for any others, I approve the book in consultation with the student during my office hours. I also have a required assignment for peer-reviewed and non-peer-reviewed electronic journals and articles as well.	web accessibility, information security, organizational network analysis, open source software, statistical computing	It is not clear to me what the allocation formula for A/V purchases is across Colleges and Departments. Also, we need a better streaming mechanism.
Marketing	Marketing Plan (situation analysis section requires research paper on a company and its industry, including competitors, consumers, and environmental trends).	Consumer behavior (psychological determinants of behavior in the marketplace, self and other perception in particular)	It would be great to be able to get current books immediately rather than via the inter-library loan service. But I understand that we have budget constraints. :-)
Marketing		Pedagogy, survey research, business etiquette	Sometimes I find it very difficult to find the location of an item in the stacks. I have trouble understanding where one stack ends and the other continues.
Marketing		Supply Chain Management Sales Management Promotional Strategy International Marketing	
Marketing	Students prepare an annotated bibliography in which they use the library's on-line databases to gather three articles on a business communication topic: oral presentations, etiquette, written communication, and so on. Throughout the semester, students use the library's on-line databases to research information to include in their correspondence (usually in response to a textbook's case). For example, last semester I assigned cases in which the students gathered information on time management, cell phone etiquette, office safety, etc.	Business communication--not currently working on a project.	

Mathematics		algebraic geometry, number theory, pure algebra	Our math contact person Doris Helfer is fantastic---she has always gotten for me the books I have needed!
Mathematics	Short papers involving research of journals and books, and expository research papers involving such research	Foundations of geometry; history of mathematics.	It is a wonderful opportunity....please try to arrange for a shorter turn-around time to have the materials available after purchase.
Modern & Classical Languages & Literatures	Check out some cultural aspects of the French society or any French speaking country.	My Search interest is the Maghreb region (North Africa) connected with the French language.	There are no books related to my research for the reason that I am specialized in an area that is not common.
Music	Find and check out recordings of musical selections being performed	Baroque music history - specifically Torelli	
Music	3-5 page biographies and musical instrument histories	music education pedagogy; discography; concert band history; classical composers	our new music collections librarian is making tremendous improvements to the collection!
Pan African Studies	Research projects on literary ideas; novel critiques; seminal presentations; short papers on gender inequities in literature.	Memory and the literary imagination; Post colonial/post modern issues in African and African American literature; literature of the developing world; linguistic and cultural creolization in African/African Diaspora literature.	The problem I have with the library is the currency of the materials relevant to my research interests. Need to upgrade ASAP. A number of relatively new journals and video/DVD documentaries in my field are presently available nationally. Quite a few are not available here.
Political Science			I primarily use the library's e-reserve for my class. In addition, I use the audiovisual collections to show my class short films on the subject. This semester I was able to check out a number of great videos for my ethics course. However, this was not the case last year when I was teaching a public policy course. I had to borrow a dvd from an internet source. One other problem I have had in the past is in regards to the library's lack of books in my subject area. For example, I have thought public policy courses where I usually utilize a classic text -- John Kingdon's Agendas, Alternatives and Public Policies -- in the subject area, which the library does not carry.

Political Science		American Constitutional Law	I recognize that the library operates with limited funds. But most of the books published in the last 10-20 years, that I need, the library does not own. I do find your interlibrary loan service to be excellent. I am able to meet my research needs at UCLA.
Psychology		n/a lecturer only	It is too difficult to return the audio-visual materials to the library myself, I do not have the time since my schedule is tight as a lecturer and I'm on campus only a few hours. Thus I have stopped using the audio-visual materials, even though I ordered many videos. It would be an improvement if the materials could be returned via campus mail or a drop box.
Psychology	APA style term papers on intergroup relations and conflict resolution	intergroup relations; prejudice reduction in schools; ethnic identity and American identity; immigrant generational status	better access to full text of articles via on-line services, such as Psych Info
Psychology	For one of my classes, students had to write short summaries of empirical work in the area of behavioral intervention. For the other class, they had to write a full APA style manuscript which includes literary work in the introduction section.	I am interested in pathways to psychopathology (i.e., anxiety and depression) in children and adolescents with disabilities.	
Psychology	I teach upper-division laboratory courses that require literature reviews to support empirical studies. Students must do extensive searches throughout the semester. These searches are mostly limited, however, to academic journal articles. Books are only used to provide summary information for their own benefit or to suggest additional sources.	Cognition & Perception, particularly visual perception, attention, and visual processing.	You could make an effort to better inform students and faculty of services and materials available. I realize that this applies to periodicals, however, the Oviatt does not provide much in the way of full-text availability of articles. Mostly my students complain that they find many, many "must have" abstracts only to discover the text is unavailable.

Psychology	In-class research on empirical research studies on controversial topics (e.g., effects of TV viewing on young children) -- undergraduate course Literature review on a topic of their choice -- graduate course	The development of children from language minority backgrounds	
Psychology	APA-format paper on a research project based on Paivio's dual coding theory	neuropsychology	I use UCLA Biomed library
Secondary Education		Secondary level math teaching; connections between school math and the "real-world"	Regarding #9, in my one course this semester I did not require or recommend using Oviatt books because all assignments were practical and/or tied to readings I provided in a course reader (but I got original copies for many of these from Oviatt--and, yes, I got permission from the publisher and included the fees in the cost of the reader). Some selected readings I did not include in the reader because students could access them online thru Oviatt. In other courses I teach (not this semester), I do encourage students to use Oviatt, but most use online resources.
Social Work		Trauma and attachment in children and adults. Child welfare issues, including cultural aspects and substance abuse within that population.	
Special Education	research critique on a piece of literature	reading	When I tried to use ILL it didn't work (through the website). someone called me to follow-up, but it takes TIME to call back (which I haven't done).
Special Education	1. Find 2 journal articles. 2. Fine 2 internet sites.	emotional and learning problems teaching low achievers training teachers and administrators	

Theater	biographical information on visual and performing artists Music history	I am interested in Dance History, Critical Theory and Irish Studies	I have many titles I would love to see the library get, but often it takes such a long time, especially for videos. Also, I think faculty should be assisted in locating ISBNs and publishing info for videos and audio materials.
Urban Studies and Planning	Literature review-based research papers in planning-related topics. (The universe, basically, but restricted to Peer-reviewed scholarly literature	Planning theory and history, environmental planning, international development, regional planning	It would be nice to have a "prompt purchase" policy, I think. If I'd like a certain book for research, I should be able to request expedited processing to get the book delivered to circulation more promptly. Of course, I can use the interlibrary loan process, but there is a tight time constraint on those.
Urban Studies and Planning	News reports using the newspapers available through the CSUN databases. Final research paper. Papers using the Urban Archives.	Planning History and Theory, Immigration, Los Angeles, Gender, Youth in Cities, Community Development, Land Policy	I applied by email