MCTE 690
Assignment Two
Internet & Library Searches and Evaluations

Introduction

We are all familiar with the old way of doing research, that is, going to a bricks and mortar building called a library, locating references (journals, textbooks, etc.), scanning selected articles containing the subject matter we want to research, and then making copies of those articles.

However, today the trip to the library is being replaced by our computers and using the Internet to conduct the search, and in many cases, retrieving a copy of the article for your review, without leaving the comfort of your home or office.

Objective

The objective of this assignment is to show you the difference between: (1) using the Internet to conduct academic research; and (2) using the Internet as a tool to conduct academic research.

Overview

This assignment requires that students conduct a literature search using two online Internet resources, an Internet browser and an online distance library. The resources selected for this task include the popular Internet browser-Google, and Nova Southeastern University's Online Distance Library (Full Text Journal Search).

The Internet WWW URLs for these sources appear below:

Nova Southeastern's Online Library:
http://www.nova.edu/library/eleclib/eleclib.htm
You will need your NSU login username and password to gain access to the University's Online Library.

Google browser:
http://www.google.com

Students should begin work on this assignment as soon as possible, especially if your experience in doing online searches is limited. Completion before the end of the term due date is encouraged. It takes more time than anticipated

Scope of Assignment

Each site/resource will be visited online and searched for content specifically related to the topic of your research paper for assignment four.

A minimum of ten peer-reviewed journal articles will be selected and described. An annotated bibliography must be completed for each of the articles you select.

When the both of the searches have been visited and Internet library evaluations are completed, a product package will be compiled and presented to the Professor using ESET as the submission tool. The submitted product must contain the following items.
1. A title page (GSCIS form and style, one page).
2. A discussion paper tracing your experience in conducting each search, and discussing the good and bad points of each, including a comparison of the results. Additional details are discussed below.
3. Listing of your references selected in APA format.
4. Annotated Bibliography for each source selected to be used for your final paper.

Annotated Bibliographies (ABs)

An Annotated Bibliography is a brief summarization of what was found in each of the peer reviewed journal articles you selected. Links to sites which discuss Annotated Bibliographies can be found at the Instructor's web page, via the link to "Dr. Nasuti's Good Stuff." The Annotated Bibliographies should be no less than 300 words, and SHOULD NOT REPLICATE THE ABSTRACT. It should be a summary of the article after your quick reading of it and should be used as a reference for your final paper

Evaluation Discussion

An evaluation presenting a personal assessment of each online tool is required. It should be approximately two to four pages for each section (no less than 300 words per page). Your evaluation should include a discussion of the:
- Features of the tool (1/2 to 1 page)
- Value of the collections, for research (1/2 to 1 page)
- Shortcomings (1/2 to 1 page)
- Summary statement that identifies and describes the best online source and concludes with a supporting rationale for this selection (1/2 to 1 page)

Note: The above page guidelines are minimums. Longer papers are acceptable.

Grading Criteria:

- All submissions must represent graduate level work. Your submission must represent good writing style, grammar, etc.
- You must conform to GSCIS and APA guidelines for format and style. (This is summarized in the Dissertation Guide, which can be accessed via the Documents link at the GSCIS web page.)
- All references must be in APA format.
- Each annotated bibliography must meets the minimum word count requirements and conform to APA guidelines.
- Each of the 10+ annotation bibliographies must follow APA guidelines
- The evaluation/discussion paper must address features, value of collection and shortcomings, etc.