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ONE TUTORIAL, MANY PURPOSES:
ADAPTING THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA’S BEGIN RESEARCH TUTORIAL FOR DIVERSE INSTRUCTIONAL SETTINGS

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THE CONTEXT:

HOLGATE LIBRARY @ BENNETT COLLEGE

- All-women’s historically black college
- ~680 FTE
- 2 librarians + 2 full-time paraprofessionals
- ~100 face-to-face instruction sessions per year
- First campus-wide CMS adopted Fall 2012
THE CONTEXT:

RESEARCH SEMINAR 200

• New Gen. Ed. Requirement starting Fall 2013
• Multiple medium-sized seminars targeted toward sophomores
• Several Intended Goals:
  • Address the “hole in the doughnut”
  • Manage the library’s instructional load
  • Support faculty IL training
  • Provide consistent message
THE STRATEGY:

UCAL’S “BEGIN RESEARCH” TUTORIAL


Six Modules:

• Begin Research
• Knowledge Cycle
• Find Books
• Find Articles
• Basic Search
• Advanced Search

Seventh “Make Citations” module added fall 2012.
THE STRATEGY:
UCAL’S "BEGIN RESEARCH" TUTORIAL
IMPLEMENTATION:
HOLGATE’S “PATHFINDER” TUTORIAL

• Version 1.0 (Summer 2012)
  • Revised language, images, & links
  • Created Pathfinder Workbook

• Version 2.0 (Fall 2012)
  • Added Qualtrics-based post-tests

• Version 3.0 (Spring 2013)
  • Converted Flash to Web Standards (HTML5)
IMPLEMENTATION: HOLGATE’S “PATHFINDER” TUTORIAL

An array of assets and assessments:

Quiz: What Have You Learned?

Time to show what you know! Complete the questions below and select the Answers” when you are through. If you are completing this module for an assignment, be sure to include your Bennett College email address, information, and class information in the appropriate fields. Your result will be reported without this information. There’s no time limit, so take your time through your responses carefully!

Enter your Bennett email address:
(example: beatrice.belle@bennett.edu)

Enter your professor’s name and class number:
(example: Dr. Lucer, PH211)

What are the characteristics of a good topic?
- It interests you.
- It meets the requirements of your assignment.

Thomas F. Holgate Library
Bennett College

Pathfinder Workbook

Module I: Begin Research

Step 1:
On the Research Guide, press on Library Tutorial, press on the Ask button, and then click on the Ask button. Once the tutorial is complete, click on the Ask button.

Step 2:
Work through the Ask button. Take your time to read and think about each step, and you’ll be completing all of the exercises along the way. Once the quiz is complete, you can use the Ask button to return to the homepage.

Exercise 1: Understand Your Assignment

When beginning your research, the first thing you need to do is to read your assignment and figure out what is being asked of you. First, identify what your research question is asking you to do. Then, articulate your skills and what you need to address in your report, page 4 of the Ask button.
PATHFINDER IN ACTION: WESTERN CIVILIZATION 101

• Multiple large sections; primarily freshwomen and sophomores
• Brief face-to-face instruction on reference resources early in semester
• Tutorial modules integrated into CMS
• *Pathfinder Workbook* assigned in coordination with portfolio projects
• Final portfolio due late in semester after two graded revisions
PATHFINDER IN ACTION:
SOCIAL WORK 405 CAPSTONE

• Single medium-sized seminar; all juniors or seniors
• “Flipped” instruction on discipline-specific resources (e.g., NASW publications & EBSCO SocINDEX)
• *Pathfinder Workbook* assigned early in conjunction with literature review due mid-semester
• *Pathfinder Workbook* used to guide follow-up reference consultations
PATHFINDER IN ACTION:
LITERATURE & WRITING 102-103

• Multiple medium-sized seminars; all freshwomen
• Part of QEP, which includes WAC and information literacy components
• Used by LW faculty unable to schedule face-to-face instruction during spring semester
• Provided “stop-loss” during period of reduced staffing
PATHFINDER IN ACTION:
WILLA B. PLAYER SEMINAR (FALL 2012)

• Multiple small-sized seminars; all freshwomen
• Required 20+ page capstone research paper
• Teaching duty dropped on faculty just as fall semester began (*in some cases, after*)!
• Used by several faculty to provide curricular structure
• Combined with I-Search assignments
OUTCOMES & OBSERVATIONS:

YEAR ONE (2012-2013)

• ~15% of FTE participated in Qualtrics quizzes
• Accounted for ~17% of total instructional contact hours
• Adopted by at least 9 courses during 2012-2013
• All courses adopted workbook; at least five received face-to-face instruction

• Provides intervention for hard-to-reach classes
• Supports “flipped instruction”
• Provides lots of assessment
• Could be used for online-only courses
LOOKING FORWARD:
TASKS FOR PATHFINDER VERSION 4.0?

• Better integration of plagiarism/citation style
• Better integration of website evaluation
• Less cumbersome / better tailored workbook

• Better integration of assessments into CMS
• Question pool for formative & summative assessments
QUESTIONS?

...AND A FEW RESOURCES

- Current UCal source files: https://webfiles.uci.edu/xythoswfs/webui/_xy-8130849_1
- Current Pathfinder source files: http://www.bennett.edu/HTML/pathfinder/pathfinder_files.zip
- Google Swiffy: https://www.google.com/doubleclick/studio/swiffy/
- Scirra Construct 2: https://www.scirra.com/
- Contact Jeff Mortimore: http://www.jeffmortimore.com