

## Learning Objectives

1. The user will be able to determine the nature and extent of the information needed.
  - The user can define and articulate the need for information.
    - The user will be able to articulate the research topic.
  - The user can identify a variety of types and formats of potential sources of information.
    - The user will be able to determine which is most appropriate to use for this topic and assignment, databases, catalog or internet.
    - The user will be able to determine the type of resources needed (books, articles, primary or secondary resources, statistics, etc.).
2. The user will be able to access needed information.
  - The user can select appropriate investigative methods or information retrieval systems for accessing needed information.
    - The user will be able to determine which resources are appropriate for the topic.
    - The user will be able to correctly determine the appropriate access point.
  - The user can construct and implement appropriate search strategies.
    - The user will be able to determine the keywords (and synonyms) to use in the search.
    - The user will be able to correctly use Boolean operators.
    - The user will be able to use search limiters.
  - The user can retrieve information, online or in person, using relevant methods.
    - The user will be able to determine if a resource, print or electronic, is available for use.
    - The user will be able to locate a resource within the library.
  - The user can evaluate the success of the search results and modify the search as necessary.
    - The user will be able to assess the quantity, quality and relevance of search results to determine whether additional or alternate search methods should be used.
    - The user will be able to examine and compare information from various sources in order to evaluate reliability, validity, accuracy, authority, timeliness and point of view or bias.
3. The user will understand the ethical and legal responsibilities of information use.
  - The user will understand the importance of accurate citation.
    - The user will know the purpose of a style guide.
    - The user will know how to locate style guides, both print and online.
  - The user will understand the concept of intellectual property.
    - The user will be able to understand the concept of plagiarism.
    - The user will understand the consequences of plagiarism.