Romanian Results in the Joint International Survey on Information Literacy Skills of Library and Information Science Students

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Demographic information

Year of study: Percentage
- Other situation: 44%
- First year: 30%
- Third year: 22%
- Second year: 4%
- Forth year: 0%

What is your GPA? Percentage
- Under 1.4: 0%
- 1.4 - 1.6: 25%
- 1.7 - 2.0: 8%
- 2.1 - 2.3: 0%
- 2.4 - 2.6: 8%
- 2.7 - 3.0: 0%
- 3.1 - 3.3: 17%
- 3.4 - 3.7: 8%
- 3.8 - 4.0: 34%

How old are you? Percentage
- Under 18 years: 0%
- 18-20 years: 21%
- 21-23 years: 37%
- Over 35 years: 26%
- 33-35 years: 5%
- 30-32 years: 0%
- 27-29 years: 0%
- 24-26 years: 11%

What is your gender? Percentage
- Male (M): 0%
- Female (F): 100%
How often have you had the following types of work over the years to study?
To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements regarding the start and looking for information for work-related courses?

- Starting a study is heavy
  - Totally disagree: 0%
  - I don't have experience with such situation: 0%
  - No answer: 0%
  - Totally Agree: 11%
  - I don't agree: 26%
  - I don't agree or disagree: 42%

- Defining the subject of the work is heavy
  - Totally disagree: 5%
  - I don't have experience with such situation: 0%
  - No answer: 0%
  - Totally Agree: 10%
  - I don't agree: 16%
  - I don't agree or disagree: 32%

- Tightening subject is heavy
  - Totally disagree: 0%
  - I don't have experience with such situation: 0%
  - No answer: 0%
  - Totally Agree: 0%
  - I don't agree: 42%
  - I don't agree or disagree: 16%

- Finding search terms is difficult
  - Totally disagree: 0%
  - I don't have experience with such situation: 0%
  - No answer: 0%
  - Totally Agree: 5%
  - I don't agree: 37%
  - I don't agree or disagree: 42%

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To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements regarding the start and looking for information for work-related courses?

- Building a search strategy is heavy
- It's hard to decide which database to use
- It's hard to find articles in the library databases (e.g., LISA, WOS, EBSCO, JSTOR)
- It is hard to find useful web sources (e.g., Google, Wikipedia, government websites)
To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements regarding the start and looking for information for work-related courses?

- It's hard to figure out where to find sources in the library: 58% disagree, 11% agree, 26% totally disagree, 0% totally agree.

- It's hard to find current material (not outdated): 27% agree, 26% disagree, 21% totally disagree, 0% totally agree.

- It is hard to find "gray literature" (e.g. theses, reports, unpublished papers, etc.): 42% agree, 21% disagree, 5% totally disagree, 0% totally agree.

- Selecting the most relevant results seem irrelevant heavy: 21% agree, 42% disagree, 5% totally disagree, 0% totally agree.

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To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements regarding the start and looking for information for work-related courses?

- Evaluation of the sources I’ve found seems heavy:
  - Totally disagree: 5%
  - I don’t agree or disagree: 27%
  - Agree: 21%
  - I don’t agree: 42%

- It’s hard to go through all the material:
  - Totally disagree: 0%
  - I don’t agree: 42%
  - I don’t agree or disagree: 21%
  - Agree: 37%

- It is hard to wrote down (the essential):
  - Totally disagree: 11%
  - I don’t have experience with such situation: 0%
  - No answer: 0%
  - Agree: 10%
  - I don’t agree or disagree: 26%
  - I don’t agree: 53%

- The integration of different sources of my research in the paper is heavy:
  - Totally disagree: 5%
  - I don’t have experience with such situation: 0%
  - No answer: 0%
  - Totally Agree: 5%
  - Agree: 16%
  - I don’t agree or disagree: 37%
  - I don’t agree: 37%
To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements regarding the start and looking for information for work-related courses?

- The writing is heavy
- It's hard to tell in your own words what has been said already well into a source
- It's hard to figure out when to cite a source
- It's hard to figure out how to cite a source in the correct format
To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements regarding the start and looking for information for work-related courses?

- It's hard to tell if the use of sources in certain circumstances, constitute plagiarism or not
- I don't have experience with such situation
- Totally Agree: 5%
- I don't agree or disagree: 32%
- I don't agree: 26%
- Agree: 26%
- Totally disagree: 11%

- It's hard to tell if I finished or not
- I don't have experience with such situation
- Totally Agree: 5%
- I don't agree: 21%
- Agree: 27%
- I don't agree or disagree: 21%
- No answer: 0%
- Totally disagree: 21%

- It's hard to figure out whether or not I did a good job
- I don't have experience with such situation
- Totally Agree: 5%
- No answer: 0%
- Totally disagree: 11%
- I don't agree or disagree: 32%
- I don't agree: 26%
- Agree: 21%
How often do you refer to these resources in the work-related courses?

- **Reading courses**
  - Almost always: 53%
  - Often: 35%
  - Sometimes: 12%
  - Rarely: 0%
  - Never: 0%
  - No answer: 0%

- **Search engine (eg. Google, Bing, Yahoo!, Ask.com)**
  - Almost always: 47%
  - Often: 47%
  - Sometimes: 6%
  - Rarely: 0%
  - Never: 0%
  - No answer: 0%

- **Library catalogs**
  - Almost always: 35%
  - Often: 47%
  - Sometimes: 12%
  - Rarely: 6%
  - Never: 0%
  - No answer: 0%

- **Encyclopedia (eg. Britannica, either online or print)**
  - Almost always: 12%
  - Often: 35%
  - Sometimes: 41%
  - Rarely: 35%
  - No answer: 0%
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- **Wikipedia**
  - Often: 35%
  - Almost always: 29%
  - Sometimes: 12%
  - Rarely: 18%
  - Never: 6%
  - No answer: 0%

- **Social networking sites (eg. Facebook)**
  - Never: 47%
  - Sometimes: 18%
  - Rarely: 6%
  - Often: 6%
  - Almost always: 23%
  - No answer: 0%

- **Video sharing sites (eg. YouTube, TeacherTube, etc.)**
  - Never: 18%
  - Sometimes: 18%
  - Rarely: 23%
  - Often: 23%

- **Slide sharing sites (eg. Slideshare)**
  - Never: 29%
  - Sometimes: 29%
  - Rarely: 12%
  - Almost always: 12%
  - Often: 18%
  - No answer: 0%
How often do you refer to these resources in the work-related courses?

- **Online Forums**
  - No answer: 0%
  - Never: 23%
  - Rarely: 18%
  - Sometimes: 41%
  - Almost always: 12%

- **Your personal collection (material that you own or have purchased either in print or online)**
  - Never: 0%
  - Rarely: 6%
  - Sometimes: 12%
  - Often: 35%
  - Almost always: 47%

- **Bookshelves**
  - Never: 0%
  - Sometimes: 0%
  - Rarely: 0%
  - Often: 47%
  - Almost always: 53%
How often do you see these people in the work-related courses?

- **Librarians**
  - Never: 0%
  - No answer: 0%
  - Rarely: 6%
  - Sometimes: 24%
  - Often: 29%
  - Almost always: 41%

- **Instructions**
  - Never: 6%
  - Rarely: 24%
  - Sometimes: 6%
  - Often: 23%
  - Almost always: 41%

- **Colleagues**
  - Never: 6%
  - Rarely: 12%
  - Sometimes: 18%
  - No answer: 0%
  - Almost always: 29%
  - Often: 35%

- **Friends/Family**
  - Never: 0%
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How often do you use each of these practices study to complete work-related courses?

- Once you find the number of quotes that awaits my instructor, I stop
  - Never: 14%
  - Rarely: 22%
  - Sometimes: 43%
  - Almost always: 14%
  - Often: 7%

- If I do not find anything in a search or two, I begin with another search term
  - Rarely: 7%
  - Sometimes: 29%
  - Almost always: 28%
  - Often: 36%
  - Never: 0%
  - No answer: 0%

- I'm working on a personal perspective on the subject, so the instructor to know what I think
  - Rarely: 7%
  - No answer: 0%
  - Almost always: 22%
  - Often: 43%
  - Sometimes: 21%

- I came from the beginning with a statement of principle (hypothesis)
  - Rarely: 14%
  - No answer: 0%
  - Almost always: 22%
  - Sometimes: 21%
  - Often: 43%
How often do you use each of these practices study to complete work-related courses?

- I fix the structure of the paper
  - Often: 43%
  - Almost always: 57%
  - Never: 0%
  - Rarely: 0%

- If the work is a research or report I write it without a plan or idea of what I'm going to say
  - Never: 72%
  - Often: 14%
  - Sometimes: 7%
  - Rarely: 7%

- One of the first things I do is to get an idea about search terms
  - Often: 36%
  - Almost always: 57%
  - Never: 0%

- Develop a research plan that guide me
  - Often: 36%
  - Almost always: 50%
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How often do you use each of these practices study to complete work-related courses?

- Develop a research plan that guides me:
  - Almost always: 50%
  - Often: 36%
  - Sometimes: 7%
  - Rarely: 7%
  - Never: 0%
  - No answer: 0%

- I use interlibrary loan or document delivery services if the library does not have the documents I need:
  - Often: 28%
  - Sometimes: 29%
  - Rarely: 7%
  - Never: 29%
  - No answer: 7%

- I tend to use the same set of resources from a job and the next:
  - Never: 43%
  - Sometimes: 14%
  - Rarely: 14%
  - Often: 15%
  - Almost always: 15%
  - No answer: 0%

- I tend to write about the same subject from one work to another:
  - Never: 57%
  - Sometimes: 14%
  - Rarely: 14%
  - Often: 7%
  - Almost always: 7%
  - No answer: 0%

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How often do you use each of these practices study to complete work-related courses?

- **I tend to use as little time as possible to work**
  - Never: 50%
  - Sometimes: 29%
  - Rarely: 7%
  - Almost always: 0%
  - Frequently: 14%

- **Use the underline display text (e.g., Diigo)**
  - I haven't heard about it: 43%
  - Rarely: 29%
  - Sometimes: 7%
  - Occasionally: 14%
  - Always: 0%

- **Accessories for detecting changes in text editor**
  - I haven't heard about it: 14%
  - Never: 29%
  - Sometimes: 22%
  - Rarely: 21%
  - Almost always: 0%
  - Often: 14%

- **Automatic Verification of writing**
  - I haven't heard about it: 7%
  - Never: 29%
  - Rarely: 21%
  - Sometimes: 7%
  - Almost always: 0%
  - Often: 14%
How often do you use each of these practices study to complete work-related courses?

- **Bookmarks (e.g. Digg, delicious, Diigo)**
  - Never: 7%
  - Rarely: 21%
  - Sometimes: 7%
  - Often: 29%
  - Usually: 7%
  - Almost always: 7%
  - I haven't heard about it: 29%

- **Alerting Services (e.g. Google Reader, Netvibes, Paper.li)**
  - Never: 14%
  - Rarely: 29%
  - Sometimes: 7%
  - Often: 29%
  - Usually: 7%
  - Almost always: 7%
  - I haven't heard about it: 21%

- **Programs of sharing documents (e.g. Google Documents)**
  - Never: 14%
  - Rarely: 29%
  - Sometimes: 22%
  - Often: 14%
  - Usually: 7%
  - Almost always: 7%
  - I haven't heard about it: 7%

- **Wiki server providers (e.g. Wikia, PBWorks, Wetpaint - other than Wikipedia)**
  - Never: 7%
  - Rarely: 29%
  - Sometimes: 14%
  - Often: 21%
  - Usually: 7%
  - Almost always: 7%
  - I haven't heard about it: 29%
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Social networking sites (eg. Facebook)
- I haven't heard about it: 7%
- No answer: 0%
- Almost always: 14%
- Often: 14%
- Sometimes: 7%
- Rarely: 22%
- Never: 36%

Microblogs (eg. Twitter)
- I haven't heard about it: 7%
- Almost always: 22%
- Often: 7%
- Sometimes: 7%
- Rarely: 21%
- Never: 36%

Online Forums
- I haven't heard about it: 7%
- No answer: 0%
- Almost always: 7%
- Often: 7%
- Sometimes: 36%
- Rarely: 14%
- Never: 29%

Presentation tools (eg. Power Point, Prezi)
- I haven't heard about it: 0%
- Almost always: 57%
- Often: 22%
- Rarely: 0%
- Never: 0%
- Sometimes: 21%
How important is each of the following when you decide on a course-related work?

- To get a good grade from instructor
- To finish the job
- To pass the course
- To meet the number of citations (if any)
How important is each of the following when you decide on a course-related work?

- **To make the required length of the paper (if any)**
  - Important: 64%
  - Moderate importance: 32%
  - Unimportant: 0%
  - Very important: 4%
  - Moderate importance: 7%
  - Low importance: 0%
  - Very important: 50%
  - Important: 43%
  - Moderate importance: 14%
  - Unimportant: 0%
  - Very important: 50%

- **To find answers to insert them in work to prove that I have made research**
  - Important: 86%

- **To improve my writing skills**
  - Important: 36%
  - Very important: 50%
How important is each of the following when you decide on a course-related work?

- **To improve my research skills**
  - Important: 36%
  - Very important: 57%
  - Moderate importance: 14%
  - Low importance: 0%
  - Unimportant: 0%
  - No answer: 0%

- **To improve my analytical skills**
  - Important: 22%
  - Very important: 64%
  - Moderate importance: 14%
  - Low importance: 0%
  - Unimportant: 0%
  - No answer: 0%

- **To integrate personal insight into the work**
  - Important: 14%
  - Very important: 72%
  - Moderate importance: 14%
  - Low importance: 0%
  - Unimportant: 0%
  - No answer: 0%

- **To learn something new**
  - Important: 14%
  - Very important: 86%
  - Moderate importance: 0%
  - Low importance: 0%
  - Unimportant: 0%
  - No answer: 0%
How important is each of the following when you decide on a course-related work?

- To impress my instructor with my intellectual skills:
  - Unimportant: 0%
  - Very important: 36%
  - Moderate importance: 36%
  - Important: 28%
  - Low importance: 0%

- To have a chance to have creative work:
  - Very important: 79%
  - Important: 0%
  - No answer: 0%
  - Moderate importance: 0%
  - Unimportant: 0%

- To impress my parents/friends with the assessment that I will receive at the end:
  - Very important: 21%
  - Important: 29%
  - Moderate importance: 29%
  - Unimportant: 7%
  - Low importance: 14%

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Conclusions
- To design a student profile
Thank you for your attention!