Purpose

The library instruction program at Kean University supports development of student information literacy skills in relation to research and information seeking. Library instruction provides an introduction to research skills as well as concepts relating to the intellectual, social, and legal concerns regarding information and intellectual property. Moreover, the program focuses on supporting development of students’ critical thinking skills.

Library instruction options

If you teach a course with a research component, we invite you to request a library instruction session led by a librarian instructor. We will collaborate with you to design a session customized for course objectives. Library instruction sessions take place in the library’s computer lab, where active learning is supported through students' hands-on practice with the library's online catalog and research databases.

How to make arrangements for library instruction

Please submit your library instruction requests as far in advance as possible. By requesting sessions at least two weeks in advance of your preferred dates the librarian instructor will have time to prepare customized sessions for your classes.

To make arrangements for library instruction, you may:

- **Submit an online Library Instruction Request Form** (available from the Library Instruction Web page: [http://library.kean.edu/instruction.htm](http://library.kean.edu/instruction.htm)), or
- **Contact Linda Cifelli at lcifelli@kean.edu** or 908-737-4603.

For more information about the library instruction program, as well as links to library instruction resources (such as handouts, worksheets, and tutorials), please click the *Library Instruction* link on the library’s home page:

[http://library.kean.edu](http://library.kean.edu)
What can the Library Instruction and Information Literacy Program do for your students?

A Student-Centered Service of the Kean University Library

- Introduce students to library resources and services
- Show students how to begin their research using the Library’s Web page
- Teach students database searching skills
- Guide students to the information they need
- Create, in collaboration with professors, sessions tailored to student needs
- Help students develop skills needed for lifelong learning
- Show students options for contacting librarians when they need help
- Introduce students to strategies for citing sources and avoiding plagiarism
- Reach distance learners by creating online tutorials and resources
- Instruct students on how to find scholarly, peer reviewed sources
- Help students practice critical thinking skills when evaluating information sources
- Show students how to access full-text documents