



# U-STUDY Online Library Services Handbook

University of Saskatchewan

## Objectives for Innovation

Web-based library services with a multimedia CD-ROM

## Intended Audience

University students

## Results Achieved

- Multi-mode non-credit instruction on library research
- Research skills essential for success in university studies
- Flexible access for students across the province and at the University of Saskatchewan

## Partners

SIAS Woodland Campus, St. Peter's College, Parkland Regional College, Yorkton Public Library, Melfort Public Library, Northlands College, Northern Teacher Education Program (NORTEP), John M. Cuelenaere Library, Wapiti Public Library

## Implementation

November 1996

## Program Web Site

<http://library.usask.ca/ustudy/>

## Additional Benefits

- More than 500 requests for service using the form on the U-STUDY Handbook web site up to May 2000
- Used or adapted by library personnel in other institutions, such as Acadia University and Seneca College at York University

The U-STUDY Online Handbook offers non-credit instruction on library research skills primarily via the web. Library orientation, bibliographic information, and Author-Title and Subject request forms are available electronically for off-campus students. A sequence of blended visual slides with voice-over narration demonstrates the basic steps for searching an automated catalogue or journal indexing services. These audiovisual materials are also available on a CD-ROM for students with slower Internet connections. Students forward comments, queries and reference questions via e-mail.

The program is designed to provide a generic orientation to university libraries and the basic research tools used by off-campus students for written essay assignments.

Although systems are in place for off-campus university students to search, request and receive library materials, direct access to a research librarian, bibliographic instruction, or instruction on researching essay assignments is not readily available. The U-STUDY Online Handbook enables students to develop these important library research skills without having to travel to the library on-campus.

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