

PROJECT INFORMATION LITERACY

A national study about college students' research habits

Since 2008, we have surveyed over 11,000 students at more than 50 U.S. colleges and universities to study how they find and use information for courses and in their daily lives.



WHAT IS MOST DIFFICULT ABOUT RESEARCH?



7 OUT OF 10 STUDENTS USE WIKIPEDIA

92%
SEARCH ENGINES

84%
GETTING STARTED

WHAT OTHER SOURCES DO STUDENTS USE FOR COURSE RESEARCH?

88%

DATABASES

83%

INSTRUCTORS

30%

LIBRARIANS

WHAT DO STUDENTS DO IN THE LIBRARY DURING CRUNCH TIME?



81%

CHECK MESSAGES



73%

PREPARE ASSIGNMENTS



62%

STUDY & REVIEW

fear,
angst,
tired,
dread,
excited,
anxious,
annoyed,
stressed,
disgusted,
intrigued,
confused, &
overwhelmed.

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ADJECTIVES
STUDENTS USE
TO DESCRIBE HOW
THEY FEEL ABOUT
RESEARCH
ASSIGNMENTS

