

Form: Program Plan For Information Literacy

- • *To be completed by each Major Program. See the Undergraduate Catalog for a list of Major Programs.*
- • *Plans must be approved by the School/College*
- • *Plans are not approved by GEOC but are archived by GEOC for future oversight.*
- • *Return the completed form by e-mail to GEOC at geoc@uconn.edu no later than Oct. 15, 2004 AFTER approval by the School/College)*
- • *Submit revised catalog copy for major requirements to marianne.buck@uconn.edu by Nov. 1, 2004.*

Major Program Agronomy

Briefly describe how Information Literacy will be taught within your major program. List courses in which these skills will be embedded.

Information Literacy will be taught in the Agronomy major by including both course-specific and general instruction in courses included in the major. PLSC 224W and PLSC 213 include sessions with an academic liaison from the Homer Babbidge Library to acquaint students with library resources both print and online. Several courses, including PLSC 231, 245, 257, 260 and 261 provide instruction in use of online databases for selection of plant materials and plant identification. PLSC 220 and 240W acquaint students with specialized professional and technical resources, both online and in print, for term papers and presentations. A research-based paper from an independent term project in PLSC 213 and 224W requires citations from a literature search on the selected topic. Courses in plant materials, including PLSC 124, 231, 257, 260 and 261 include instruction on using taxonomic keys.

Are all these courses required of your students? If not, how will you assure that all students attain the exit expectations for Information Literacy.

PLSC 213 is required of all students in the Department. Agronomy majors typically enroll in all or most of the other aforementioned courses. PLSC 224W and 240W will be available as options for the Writing-in-the-Major requirement.

Date of Approval by Faculty or Appropriate Faculty Committee: September 30, 2004

Date of Approval by School/College C&C Committee _____

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Date Submitted to GEOC _____