

ON LINE TUTORIALS FOR FOUNDATIONS COURSES: 'ACADEMIC INTEGRITY' AND 'LIBRARY RESEARCH ROADMAP'

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For AY 2004-5, almost all first year Foundations faculty in Social Science have agreed to incorporate the two on-line tutorials (each which includes a self-testing quiz) into the required assignments for their courses. Both now available at <http://www.yorku.ca/fcap/onlinetutorials.html>

The **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY TUTORIAL** is designed to help students learn about plagiarism and what they can do to avoid it.

The **LIBRARY RESEARCH ROADMAP TUTORIAL** leads students through the basic steps of the research process in preparation for writing an essay in the social sciences.

These on-line tutorials are excellent, support the goals of the skill- building part of the Foundations program, and require almost no work on the part of TAs or faculty.

Many Humanities instructors have also agreed to use these tutorials in their first year courses so in the coming years, those of you teaching second year courses will be able to assume students have completed them. In fact, the reporting software described below will allow you to generate a list of those students in your class who have not done the tutorials. For this year, second year instructors might wish to include these tutorials in their courses, at least as a recommendation, especially the one on Academic Integrity given problems with cheating and plagiarism.

For your information, there is a new on-line tutorial available on 'Pre-writing Strategies'. It is also posted at the FCAP website. Any feedback on this tutorial is most welcome.

TRACKING STUDENT COMPLETION

There are two ways that you can track student completion of these tutorials.

a) Students can print out a dated report with their grade which they can hand in to their tutorial leader to demonstrate completion of the tutorials. See 'Handout for Students' on the on-line tutorials below.

b) The Centre for Support of Teaching has set up a website for on-line tutorials <http://www.yorku.ca/tutorial>. This site includes the three tutorials for students who are not completing them as part of a Foundations requirement.

It also has a link 'Getting Statistics and Reports'. When you click on this page, you will see the many different kinds of reports you can generate about student use of the tutorials. For example, the number of times students tried to do the tutorial, or those who completed by a certain date etc. You will need to contact the quiz administrator at the Centre for Support of Teaching cst@yorku.ca to get set up to generate such reports.

Y-QUIZ WRITER

This tool, available in Fall 2004, will allow you to develop your own on-line quizzes which will be graded automatically and for which you will be able to generate results in various forms. More information will be forthcoming.