I. Course Title: Library Research Methods (LIB103)

II. Description from: Catalog 2004-2006

Enhances basic concepts and skills needed to complete college-level research. Prepares individuals to make effective life-long use of information sources and information systems. Instruction focuses on developing systematic methods of research and gaining confidence in techniques of locating information, including electronic resources. 3 credit hours

III. Course Goals
Main Concepts and Principles. In an information environment consisting of traditional and electronic resources, students will develop an understanding of:
  a. the research process
  b. the different kinds of information that are available
  c. the organization of information
  d. how to analyze information needs
  e. how to access information
  f. how to evaluate information
  g. how to use information effectively and ethically

IV. Outcome Behaviors
Upon completion of this course students will be able to:
  a. Identify information needs and devise a research plan
  b. Effectively use the resources of academic libraries (SCCC libraries in particular)
  c. Access appropriate information from a variety of sources
  d. Evaluate information to determine its relevance for a specific need
  e. Synthesize information and use it to create new knowledge
  f. Cite sources using a specific citation style
  g. Articulate the importance of information in academic, professional, and personal facets of life
  h. Demonstrate an understanding of issues such as academic integrity, information ethics, privacy, and information literacy

V. Programs that require this course: none, however the SCCC catalog states that this course can be used to fulfill the Freshman Seminar requirement. Credit is given for LIB101 or LIB103, but not for both.

VI. Major Topics required
  a. Information Literacy
  b. Information characteristics
  c. Research Process
  d. Search strategies
  e. Evaluation of sources
  f. Database searching
  g. Online Catalogs
h. World Wide Web searching
i. Citing Sources
j. Academic Integrity
k. Statistics

VII. Special Instructions:
   a. Prerequisite(s) to this Course: none
   b. Course(s) that require this course as a prerequisite: none
   c. External jurisdiction: none

VIII. Optional Topics:
   a. Media accuracy and ownership
   b. Government Information

IX. Evaluation of student performance may include, but is not limited to and does not require the following:
   a. Weekly assignments
   b. Quizzes
   c. Oral presentations
   d. Class participation
   e. Projects
   f. Examinations