

## Graduate Information Literacy Program (GILP) –a brief history

The Graduate Information Literacy Program is an integral part of the University's Information Literacy Program, which commenced in 2000.

The Graduate Information Literacy program is funded through the Vice-Chancellor's Plan for Growth and is a joint initiative of the Division of Information and the Graduate School.

The Graduate Program began in 2001 with one full-time and one part-time trainer. During 2001 The Graduate Information Literacy Program taught 4 courses:

- **E Publishing of Theses and Research Papers**
- **The Literature Review**
- **Managing the Thesis Production Process**
- **Producing Theses in MS Word (4 module course).**

In 200130 courses were run and 328 students attended.



***Courses offered in the Graduate Information Literacy Program are ideally suited for students beginning an ANU research degree***

## Courses Currently Offered as Part of the Graduate Information Literacy Program

Courses being offered in the program are designed to provide students with the information searching, information management and IT skills that will be needed to complete a research degree.

A second aim is to ensure that graduate students have the information skills that are required in the workplace.

The program has been developed after a needs assessment with graduate students and graduate convenors. It is expected that the program will continue to develop to respond to the changing needs of students. The courses offered in 2002 include:

- **Search Strategies & Topic Analysis**
- **Selecting & Searching Subject Databases**
- **Web Searching, Evaluating Web sites, Citation Searching & Current Awareness Profiles**

- **Managing the PhD Thesis Production Process**
- **The Literature Review**
- **E-Publishing of Theses & Research Papers**
- **EndNote (2 modules)**
- **BibTeX (2 modules)**
- **Producing Theses in MS Word 2000 (4 modules)**
- **LaTeX (4 modules)**



## Training Facilities

Courses are normally offered in Division of Information training laboratories located in library buildings. The majority of courses require students to use computers and limitations are placed on enrolments so that students each have a computer. **The normal class size limit is 10-12.**

The training rooms are fitted out with data projectors and overhead projectors. Printers and scanners are also available.

## Graduate Course Award in Information Literacy in Research Environments

During 2003 we aim to introduce a Graduate Course Award for those students who elect to do a comprehensive course in Information Literacy.

## Graduate Information Literacy Courses Do Make a Difference!

All our courses are evaluated. Hence we know that what we offer benefits research students.

We ask students to estimate the change in their pre and post- course proficiency using a 5-point scale and to tell us how satisfied they were with the training (measured over a range of variables) with 5 being the highest.

This is how our 2002 courses have been evaluated.

### Search Strategies & Topic Analysis

Satisfaction rating 4.6

### Selecting & Searching Subject Databases

Satisfaction rating 4.7

### Web Searching & Citation Searching

Satisfaction rating 4.8

### Managing the PhD Thesis Production Process

Satisfaction rating 4.5

### E-Publishing of Theses and Research Papers

Satisfaction rating 4.3

### Literature Review

Satisfaction rating 4.2

### Endnote (2 modules)

Satisfaction rating 4.4

### BibTeX (2 modules)

Satisfaction rating 4.8

### Producing Theses in MS Word 2000 (4 modules)

Satisfaction rating 4.4

### LaTeX (4 modules)

Satisfaction rating 4.4

## What students say about our program

*"Great excellent initiative, should be expanded"*

*"It was great - very useful"*

*"This was fantastic"*

*"Done well"*

*"...an excellent trainer very knowledgeable & helpful (as well as patient with computer illiterate people..."*

*"All your sessions are fantastic!"*

*"Good stuff"*

*"found it very useful and well presented"*

**Full details of all Graduate Information Literacy Program courses are available on our Web site**

**Visit us at:**

<http://ilp.anu.edu.au/grad>

## How Graduate Information Literacy Program courses are advertised

Full course details and the training schedule are available on the Web.

Courses are listed in the quarterly ILP brochure.

A monthly e-mail is sent out by the Graduate School to let research students know of forthcoming courses.

The Information Literacy Co-ordinator (Graduate Students) meets with Graduate School Program Convenors to raise awareness of the GILP program.

Talks are given to student groups at Orientation events and on invitation.

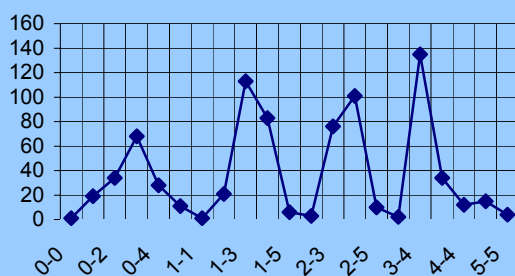
Courses can be booked online. An e-mail is sent to students before the course to remind them that they are enrolled.

Course descriptions with learning outcomes are listed for all courses on our web site.

Further enquires about courses can be made by e-mailing :

[grad.ilp@anu.edu.au](mailto:grad.ilp@anu.edu.au)

**Change in Proficiency All Courses**



## Who attended the Graduate Information Literacy courses in 2002?

### By Course of study:

PhD students	73%
MPhil students	6%
Other graduates	21%

### By Faculty/Research School/Centre: --

#### The top 10

1. Faculty of Arts
2. National Centre for Development Studies
3. Research School of Social Sciences
4. Research School of Pacific & Asian Studies
5. Faculty of Asian Studies
6. School of Resources and Environment Society
7. Research School of Biological Sciences
8. Centre for Resource and Environmental Sciences
9. Research School of Physical Sciences and Engineering
10. Faculty of Economics & Commerce



## Working with Groups

ILP staff, including GILP, will work with academic staff to provide a package of courses that are specifically targeted at the needs of a graduate student group.

This year we have provided an Information Literacy program to graduate students in NCDS. This training included Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint courses, as well as courses on searching the library catalogue, databases and the web.

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to organise information literacy training for your graduate students.



## Specialist Courses offered in 2002

Asia and Pacific Resources  
Information Sources in Chinese  
Information Sources in Japanese  
Australian Official Documents

Please contact us if you know of an information need that is not currently being met.

We will consider running training sessions if there is a group of 5 or more students and we have the resources and expertise to do it.



## Future Developments in the Graduate Information Literacy Program

- There is proposal to introduce a Graduate Course Award in Information Literacy for those students who elect to do comprehensive Information Literacy training.
- The possible development of a **Photoshop** course (or similar) for students who will need to insert and manipulate images in their theses
- Further developments are very dependent on feedback from Graduate School Program Convenors and graduate students on their unfulfilled training needs. We try to speak with all graduate convenors each year.
- Graduate students should make their needs known to their Graduate Program Convenor and e-mail us at: [grad.ilp@anu.edu.au](mailto:grad.ilp@anu.edu.au)

**This year we are offering more EndNote and Word courses as a direct result of requests from students.**

## Meet the GILP trainers:

### GILP Program staff:

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### Scholarly Information Services Staff who teach in the GILP program:

#### Lisa Bradley

Information Access Librarian, Life Sciences

#### Jenny Edwards

Teaching and Learning Co-ordinator, Social Sciences & Humanities

#### Samantha Jackson

Information Access Librarian, Physical Sciences

#### Arvind Kalia

Information Services Librarian, Science

#### Maureen Kattau

User Services Librarian, Asia -Pacific

#### Inta Putnis

Information Access Librarian, Social Sciences & Humanities

#### Toshio Takagi

Japan Collections Librarian

### Other ANU staff who teach GILP courses

#### Dr Gail Craswell

Senior Advisor (Graduate Students) Academic Skills and Learning Centre

#### Dr David Young

School of Mathematical Sciences

Graduate Information Literacy Program courses will give research students skills that will make them more efficient at what they do and hence enable them to complete their research degree in the minimum time.

*From February to October 2002 925 graduate students attended GILP courses.*



Graduate School Program Convenors: - ensure that your graduate students are aware of the Graduate Information Literacy Program and the benefits of participating in the program early in their degree.