

# GRADUATE INFORMATION LITERACY PROGRAM REPORT for 2003



## 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 co-ordinator 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).**

30 courses were run during 2001 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

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 was developed after a needs assessment with graduate students and convenors. It is expected that the program will continue to develop to respond to the changing needs of students. The courses offered in 2003 included:

- **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. The majority of courses require students to use computers and course places are limited so each student has a computer. The usual class size is 10-12 students.

Training rooms are fitted with data projectors, printers and scanners.

## Graduate Course Award in Research Information Literacy

In October 2003 approval was given by the Graduate Degrees Committee to introduce this Graduate Course Award to students who elect to do a comprehensive course in Information Literacy. For details contact the Information Literacy Co-ordinator (Graduate Students)

## Graduate Information Literacy Courses Do Make a Difference!

All our courses are evaluated. Hence we know that what we offer benefits graduate students. This is how our 2003 courses have been evaluated. The scoring is out of a possible maximum of 5

### Search Strategies & Topic Analysis

Satisfaction rating 4.6

### Selecting & Searching Subject Databases

Satisfaction rating 4.6

### Web Searching & Citation Searching

Satisfaction rating 4.7

### Managing the PhD Thesis Production Process

Satisfaction rating 4.5

### E-Publishing of Theses and Research Papers

Satisfaction rating 4.2

### Literature Review

Satisfaction rating 4.4

### Endnote (2 modules)

Satisfaction rating 4.6

### BibTeX (2 modules)

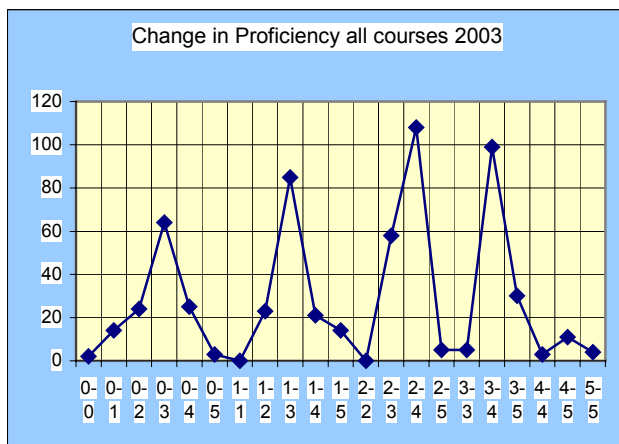
Satisfaction rating 4.4

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

Satisfaction rating 4.4

### LaTeX (4 modules)

Satisfaction rating 4.4



## Yes we do a great job.

*"Great excellent initiative, should be expanded"*

*"It was great - very useful"*

*"This was fantastic"*

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

*"All your sessions are fantastic!"*

*"found it very useful and well presented"*

## How the GILP courses are advertised

Full course details and a 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 Academic Advisors to raise awareness of the GILP program.

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

Course reminder e-mails are sent to students.

Course descriptions with learning outcomes are listed 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)

**Full details of all Graduate Information Literacy Program courses are available on our Web site Visit us at: <http://ilp.anu.edu.au/grad>**

### Who attended the Graduate Information Literacy courses in 2003:

#### By Course of study:

PhD students	81%
MPhil students	6%
Masters by coursework	6%
Others	7%

#### By Faculty/Research School/Centre: -- The top 10

1. Faculty of Arts
2. RSPAS
3. RSSS
4. RSC
5. NGSM
6. Faculty of Economics & Commerce
7. RSPHysSE
8. Psychology
9. SRES
10. CRES



### Working With Groups

GILIP staff will work with other ILP and academic staff to provide a package of courses that are specifically targeted at the needs of graduate particular student groups.

This year training has been provided for NCDS and NECPH students. This training included IT courses, as well as courses on searching the library catalogue, databases and the web.

Contact

<http://ilp.anu.edu.au/grad/> to organise information literacy training for your graduate students.



### Graduate Information Literacy Skills Audit

In 2003 a Skills Audit was developed for the research graduate students. The audit help students identify their training needs as each student is sent a training needs profile.

The Skills Audit can be accessed from the GILP homepage.

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

### Future Developments in the GILP program

- The possible development of **Photoshop, Illustrator and GIS** courses for students who will need to insert and / or manipulate images and maps 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.
- The Graduate Skills Audit provides students with an opportunity to inform us of their additional training needs.
- Graduate students should make their needs known to their Graduate Program Convenor or they can e-mail us directly at: [grad.ilp@anu.edu.au](mailto:grad.ilp@anu.edu.au)

### Individual Consultations

We work with students on one-to-one basis to help with problems they are experiencing. Most help is with using Word and Endnote. In 2003 GILP staff meet with 20 graduate students.

## Meet the GILP trainers:

### GILP Program staff:

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### Other ILP Staff who taught in the GILP program in 2003:

#### Jacqui Kempton

Teaching and Learning Officer, ILP

#### Di Gentry

Contact Trainer ILP

#### Virginia Woodland

Contract Trainer ILP

#### Gretchen Mathur

Branch Librarian, Eccles Medical Sciences

### Other ANU staff who taught GILP courses in 2003

#### Dr Gail Craswell

Senior Advisor (Graduate Students) Academic Skills and Learning Centre

#### Chris Wetherell

Mathematical Sciences Institute



**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 2003  
1421 graduate students attended  
GILP courses.*

Graduate Academic Advisors - please 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.