



GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY®

LIBRARY RESEARCH CENTER

SYLLABUS LANGUAGE

The Library Research Center offers in-person and online support for students. Research consultants can help students brainstorm ideas, find information, evaluate sources, write annotated bibliographies, and create citations. The Library Research Center is open for a wide range of hours at the Knowledge Markets on both the Valley and City Campuses. For more information or to make an appointment, visit www.gvsu.edu/librc.

SERVICE PRESENTATIONS

We are happy to come to your class, meeting, or event to deliver a 10-minute presentation on Library Research Center or Knowledge Market services. We can tailor our presentation to a student or faculty/staff audience.

CLASSROOM VISITS

The Library Research Center provides in-class support by request. Research consultants work with students one-on-one or in small groups to help them think through research assignments and develop information literacy skills. Research consultants can help with any of the following:

- Brainstorming and topic development
- Finding quality information that meets assignment requirements
- Evaluating sources for credibility and relevance
- Integrating research
- Creating annotated bibliographies
- Citing sources and avoiding plagiarism

Classroom visits work best when students are familiar with their assignment. While research consultant visits often take place after a librarian has taught an instruction session, we also provide independent support. We can customize our visits to meet your needs.



IMPACT

Retention

- **Students** who had at least one visit to the Library Research Center were retained at a **5.7% higher rate** than students who did not (91.2% vs. 85.5% in Fall 24).
- **First-year students** who had at least one visit to the Library Research Center were retained at a **18.8% higher rate** than first-year students who did not (87.6% vs. 68.8% in Fall 24). The difference rose to **21.6%** among **students with an incoming GPA below 2.5** (73.7% vs. 52.1%).

Belonging

Students who used Knowledge Market services in February and March 2021 were invited to participate in a survey about their experiences. **94.9% of students** who responded said their consultation **helped them feel like a part of the Grand Valley community.**

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