LIBS 1704 is a Web-based, multimedia course developed by members of the Stewart Library’s Instruction Team. This course satisfies Weber State University’s information literacy requirement, but may also be used by anyone who wants to learn the basic skills and strategies needed to effectively use the Weber State University library system.

The latest revision of the LIBS 1704: Information Navigator course uses a learning object rather than a sequential approach. These individual modules may be assigned in any order, depending on how the information is taught. This version also places more emphasis on video, rather than text. Modules are grouped within four main categories. Modules corresponds to Weber State’s general education learning outcomes for information literacy:

1. **Finding Tools** covers various information-finding tools, such as library catalogs, article databases, web search engines, and the new OneSearch Discovery search system. (B)

2. **Information Ethics** provides a primer on concepts related to academic integrity, including: cheating, plagiarism, ethical group work, falsification/misrepresentation, intellectual property rights (copyright infringement and piracy), public domain, and fair use. MLA and APA citation styles are also covered in this category. (D)

3. **Academic Research** covers search strategies involved in the research process that are necessary to successfully use various information-finding tools, such as Boolean operators, phrase searching, and truncation. This category also covers how to formulate appropriate focused research questions and thesis statements for a college-level writing assignment. The various types (primary/secondary/popular/scholarly/trade) and formats (books, periodicals, web sources) of sources used for academic research are discussed, along with how to evaluate the quality of these sources using standard evaluation criteria. (A, B, C)

4. **Library Services** provides information on resources and services offered by the Stewart Library for both in-campus and distance students, including Interlibrary Loan, Course Reserve/EReserve, and services for distance students. (B)
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