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## DIGITAL AND INFORMATION LITERACY FRAMEWORK - Comparing Levels\*

DOMAIN	UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL 3	MASTER'S LEVEL
<b>Understand and Engage in Digital Practice</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Apply digital technologies to managing, recording and reflecting on sustained learning in the subject area</li> <li>❖ Demonstrate the ability to create a personal learning environment incorporating elements of digital study practices and external applications and environments</li> <li>❖ Demonstrate a leadership role in collaborative learning activities in your studies</li> <li>❖ Engage in the creation, use, sharing and repurposing of subject-related knowledge artefacts within the study community</li> <li>❖ Demonstrate effective use of social and/or professional online networks outside the study community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Articulate the characteristics of digital scholarship in the relevant subject and/or professional area</li> <li>❖ Apply digital techniques to conduct and share research</li> <li>❖ Give evidence of proactive participation in academic and/or professional online networks outside the study community</li> </ul>

<b>Find Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Demonstrate the use of a wide range of sources appropriate to the discipline</li> <li>❖ Demonstrate independent selection of appropriate resources for the task</li> <li>❖ Give evidence of the use of sources of current information (including people) for keeping up-to-date</li> <li>❖ Identify and frame problems or research questions and select appropriate information to address these</li> <li>❖ Articulate and independently carry out strategy for finding information needed, whether from a person or an online resource</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Articulate the characteristic ways research information is generated and disseminated</li> <li>❖ Demonstrate the ability to search independently and fluently across a comprehensive range of information sources in any medium, including specialised information such as archives, data sets, special collections, colleagues and contacts in research networks</li> <li>❖ Demonstrate a critical and systematic approach to keeping up-to-date using the most appropriate tools and resources, e.g. RSS, mailing lists</li> <li>❖ Articulate the way that Library databases work (e.g. fields, records, indexing) and apply this knowledge to improve searches</li> <li>❖ Produce an independently conducted, thorough literature search in a specific subject area, making effective use of advanced search techniques such as citation searching</li> <li>❖ Identify the most effective ways to use research outputs (e.g. reports, conference proceedings, journal articles) to create impact</li> </ul>
<b>Critically Evaluate Information, Online Interaction and Online Tools</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Use appropriate quality criteria to critically evaluate information from any source to determine authority, bias, etc</li> <li>❖ Use appropriate quality criteria to filter results from a given search output, and to focus on the most relevant information within documents</li> <li>❖ Engage in critical appraisal of others' contributions in an online interaction</li> <li>❖ Demonstrate the ability to evaluate online tools in any context</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Engage in critical appraisal, including judgements on reliability and validity, of own work and the work of others</li> <li>❖ Define clearly the scope of a research question and apply relevant criteria to filter large quantities of information related to this question</li> <li>❖ Articulate the advantages and disadvantages of peer review practices</li> <li>❖ Assess whether an instance of online collaborative working has been effective and appropriate</li> <li>❖ Apply critical criteria to the evaluation of unfamiliar online tools</li> </ul>

<b>Manage and Communicate Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Demonstrate accurate and appropriate referencing of the thoughts and ideas of others</li> <li>❖ Distinguish between different tools and techniques for managing and exporting references, select and use as appropriate for a specific task</li> <li>❖ Engage in appropriate and effective communication online, in a variety of contexts (study, informal, transactional etc.) and using a variety of tools (e.g. research networks, social bookmarking, blogging)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Apply a suitable method for managing a large volume of information</li> <li>❖ Produce a synthesis of information from a range of diverse materials on a complex subject</li> <li>❖ Produce a comprehensive literature review in a specific subject</li> <li>❖ Articulate the ethical and legal requirements surrounding the use and re-use of information and identify sources of relevant advice</li> <li>❖ Construct a major bibliography using bibliographic management tools, referencing a large range of materials</li> <li>❖ Distinguish between platforms for publishing digital content, recognising the difference between formal publication and information exchange</li> </ul>
<b>Collaborate and Share Digital Content</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Produce a shared digital asset or output in collaboration with others as part of an assessed activity</li> <li>❖ Contribute a re-purposed, shared or collaboratively produced artefact for the benefit of a wider online audience</li> <li>❖ Contribute benefits from personal engagement with external social and subject-related networks to the work of a study group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Demonstrate leadership in an online professional community, e.g. take the initiative in proposing appropriate media and working methods, facilitate group working through agreed processes; evaluate group outputs</li> <li>❖ Give evidence of engagement in online communities and professional (subject) groups using multiple technologies and demonstrate successful management of group interactions</li> </ul>

(\*) Adapted from the Open University's Digital and Information Literacy Framework (2012)  
<http://www.open.ac.uk/libraryservices/subsites/dilframework/>