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Course Description:  
Professional writers also need to be capable of professional-quality research. The purpose of this course is to introduce you to the research skills, tasks, and tools that professional writers rely on for success.

In this course, you will learn how to analyze research tasks, not just how to do research. This means developing research plans, as well as interpreting data and information in order to meet the needs of different audiences and purposes. The skills you will learn will be useful to you in any professional context in which you can be expected to do research. These include journalism, government, law, business, and many other professional contexts.

Proposed Assignments:

- Designing, piloting, and assessing a research questionnaire
- Analyzing search strategies
- Exploring and analyzing data sources (legal materials, archives, social media, etc.)
- Summarizing data
- Generating a research plan

No textbooks required.

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