

Information literacy



Skills for searching, evaluating, and using scientific information and for being a responsible changemaker in science and society



What is information literacy, and why is it important?

Information literacy is an academic skill contributing to the fundamentals of science.

An information literate person can

- search, find, evaluate, select, and manage scientific information effectively and efficiently, and communicate it ethically;
- contribute to society based on scientific insights and evidence-based information;
- thrive in a world in which information provision is ever changing; and
- use AI responsibly when searching for information.



"WUR Library provided me with the skills to find high quality literature."

Xiaoxiao Peng, MSc student Management, Economics and Consumer studies

Information literacy subjects

Details can be found [in the learning outcomes matrix of information literacy](#). Training information literacy is part of the WUR BSc Skills programme.

- Orientation on a topic
- Performing a systematic search
- Evaluating search results
- Using software to store and organise scientific information sources.
- Citing scientific information
- Avoiding plagiarism and copyright infringement
- Using appropriate tools and strategies critically and responsibly

What does WUR Library offer for BSc programmes?

We offer:

- a learning trajectory throughout the BSc programme,
- coordinated organisation of a variety of instructions and assessments, and
- a thoroughly integrated skill in appropriate courses.

Our training results in

- a better use of scientific information in BSc theses,
- a more equal level of information literacy among students in a course, and
- a reduced workload for course coordinators and supervisors.

Besides education in BSc programmes, WUR Library also provides information literacy training for MSc and PhD candidates.

Who are the teachers of Information Literacy?

- Information professionals who are actively involved in national working groups and projects
- Educational professionals (UTQ)
- Contributors and developers of innovative educational materials and teaching methods
- Individuals who are trained in a WUR domain.



Contact & more information

Would you like to know how our information literacy training can support your study programme? We are happy to provide more information and think along with you. For more information, email Dr Leonie Kamminga from WUR Library's Education Support team at leonie.kamminga@wur.nl.