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Teaching Tip: Above all else, ask for help when you need it.

Do not hesitate to ask for help from other librarians! Even though our job is to provide assistance, it can still be difficult to turn around and be the one asking for help instead. Many of your colleagues probably have varying degrees of FCIL research experience and may be willing to share their course materials and insights on teaching FCIL. This includes your immediate colleagues, but the wider world of the FCIL-SIS is incredibly helpful as well.

Where can I ask for help?

The FCIL-SIS website, <https://www.aallnet.org/fcilsis/education-training/teaching-fcil/> (<https://www.aallnet.org/fcilsis/education-training/teaching-fcil/>), has information on existing classes and contact information for people willing to answer questions. You can send out an email on a listserv, like the FCIL-SIS My Communities forum or the [Int-Law listserv](http://www.slaw.ca/2018/03/13/the-int-law-email-discussion-list-migrates-to-google-groups/) (<http://www.slaw.ca/2018/03/13/the-int-law-email-discussion-list-migrates-to-google-groups/>). You could also leave us a lovely comment on this post!

Where can I find course documents, like syllabi or assignments?

The FCIL-SIS website also contains a Syllabi and Course Materials Database, <https://www.aallnet.org/fcilsis/education-training/teaching-fcil/syllabi-course-materials-database/> (<https://www.aallnet.org/fcilsis/education-training/teaching-fcil/syllabi-course-materials-database/>). This resource is very helpful and mentioned in almost every teaching FCIL post on DipLawMatic Dialogues. Check out this entry, *Teaching FCIL Research Series: Fun with FCIL Assignments*, <https://fcilsis.wordpress.com/2018/02/13/teaching-fcil-research-series-fun-with-fcil-assignments/> (<https://fcilsis.wordpress.com/2018/02/13/teaching-fcil-research-series-fun-with-fcil-assignments/>).

What are the best texts to help me prep/assign for reading?

The general consensus seems to be:

- Marci B. Hoffman & Robert C. Berring, Jr., *International Legal Research in a Nutshell* (2d ed. 2017).
- Marci Hoffman & Mary Rumsey, *International and Foreign Legal Research: A Coursebook* (2d ed. 2012).
- Heidi Frostestad Kuehl & Megan A. O'Brien, *International Legal Research in a Global Community* (2018).

For more on textual selection see this [AALL panel review](https://fcilsis.wordpress.com/2018/07/23/aall-2018-recap-fcil-sis-teaching-foreign-and-international-legal-research-interest-group/) (<https://fcilsis.wordpress.com/2018/07/23/aall-2018-recap-fcil-sis-teaching-foreign-and-international-legal-research-interest-group/>) and [this post](https://fcilsis.wordpress.com/2018/04/17/teaching-fcil-research-series-textual-selection/#_edn3) (https://fcilsis.wordpress.com/2018/04/17/teaching-fcil-research-series-textual-selection/#_edn3) on selecting books.

How can I find more helpful DipLawMatic Dialogues posts on this subject?

This blog allows you to find posts by subject using both tags and categories using the right-hand side menu. Check the posts tagged teaching here, <https://fcilsis.wordpress.com/tag/teaching/> (<https://fcilsis.wordpress.com/tag/teaching/>), and the category of teaching here, <https://fcilsis.wordpress.com/category/teaching-2/> (<https://fcilsis.wordpress.com/category/teaching-2/>). Last May, Alyson Drake compiled a great list, *Teaching FCIL Research: Revisiting 15*

DipLawMatic Posts on Teaching, <https://fcilsis.wordpress.com/2018/05/22/teaching-fcil-research-revisiting-15-diplawmatic-posts-on-teaching/> ([https://fcilsis.wordpress.com/2018/05/22/teaching-](https://fcilsis.wordpress.com/2018/05/22/teaching-4/2/20 11:50 AM)

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