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# Creation: RACL Information Literacy Working Group

The original charge:

“The group will work to inform USG broadly about how instruction and reference librarians serve as partners in teaching and learning initiatives. The group’s immediate focus will be to identify the best practices in information literacy instruction related to general education and Gateway to Completion courses such as ENGL 1101, and credit bearing information literacy courses. The group will recommend opportunities to implement those best practices across the system.”



# Who we are:



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# Accomplishments

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- Librarian on the Gen Ed Implementation Team
- ByLaws / Procedures for the committee moving forward.
- AABIG Panel / Galileo Conference Presentation
- Listserv, Social Media channels for USG Instruction Librarians
- Developed Workshop Series



# Initial Goals

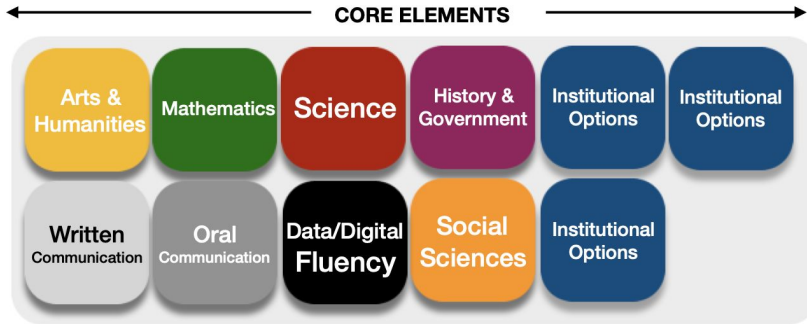
Credit course in Gen Education for USG and/or best practices in promoting Library Credit Courses at your institution.

Best practices to look at specific academic programs and determine where Information Literacy could be best taught/Best practices for libraries to be involved in course development

Professional Development for instruction librarians. New initiatives/possible new partnerships with existing groups.



# Accomplishments: Gen Ed Implementation Team



**33 Credit Hours**

← FIELD OF STUDY COURSES →



**18 Credit Hours**

EXPLORATORY COURSES



**9 Credit Hours**



# Accomplishments: Gen Ed Implementation Team

## CORE ELEMENTS

Arts & Humanities	Mathematics	History & Government	Social Sciences	Science	Data/Digital Fluency	Written Communication	Oral Communication
Critical Thinking+	Critical Thinking+	Critical Thinking+	Critical Thinking+	Critical Thinking+	Critical Thinking+	Critical Thinking+	Critical Thinking+
Global Competencies		Global Competencies				Global Competencies	Global Competencies
	Information Literacy+		Information Literacy+	Information Literacy+	Information Literacy+		
			Thematic Journeys	Thematic Journeys			





# Accomplishments cont.

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## Presentations:

AABIG: RACL Info Lit Working Group Panel

Galileo Conference Presentation: “Begin at the End!  
Implementing Backward Design (4 Presenters)

## Professional Development / Organization

ListServ: USG\_InfoLit

Social Media: [USG Instruction Librarians](#)



# RACL Information Literacy Workshop Series

Begin at the End! Implementing Backward Design

Date of Workshop: Friday, November 22, 2019

Time: 10am-12pm

Where: Five Campus Locations Across Georgia

Cost: FREE

Who should attend? USG Librarians

[Workshop Series Homepage](#)



# Challenges

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Determining who we are and what we should be doing

Determining how to sustain the group and projects moving forward.

Keeping everyone on track and on time.



# Practical Tips

Develop a clear mission/vision for your group

Big and small goals

Distinct and Clearly defined roles within the group.

Consistency in meetings (once a month - twice a month etc)

Clear Agendas - Clear Timelines

Online landing page for resources - projects etc. ex: Google Drive Folder

Organizing the Workshops:

- Set Mini Goals

- Create Timeline

- Divide up responsibilities

- Make sure logistics, room reservations etc are covered.

- Conduct Outreach/ Marketing

- Assess

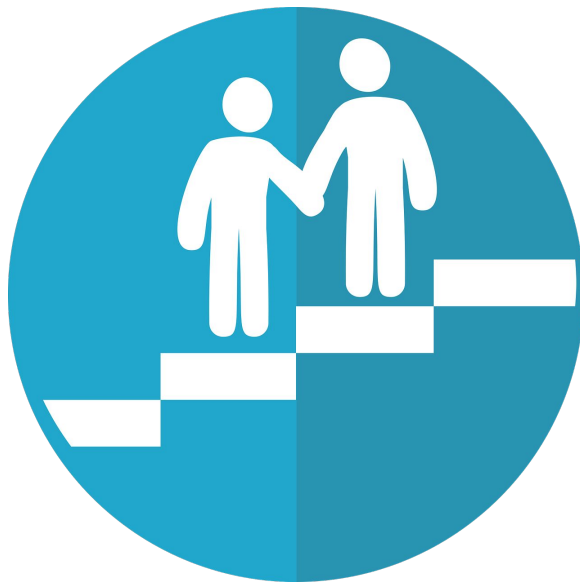


# Future

## Professional Development Opportunities

- New Gen Edu Revision
- Work Life Balances
- Critical Information Literacy
- Learning Analytics
- Information Privilege
- Assessment
- Practical Framework Ideas for Instruction

Work with USG on implementing information literacy into the new core.





# Thank you.

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