

## 2004 Library Research Skills Study Questionnaire

This is a study for the Bowdoin College Library. You have been chosen because our records show that you are taking a 400-level independent study course.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID \_\_\_\_\_

1. Are you still taking a 400-level independent study course?

- YES
- NO—End of interview.

2. Describe your honors project. What library research skills have you used thus far? What library research skills do you anticipate using?

--If student does not know how to respond, prompt: "By research skills..."

- choosing a topic
- literature search
- library web pages
- walk around library
- course guides on subjects
- library catalog
- using databases
- asking a librarian
- using indexes
- using a bibliography
- internet searches
- interlibrary loan
- faculty recommendation
- evaluate/assess authority of source
- find books or periodicals

4. How did you learn to do library research?

a. Where did you learn your research skills?

b. Did you learn these skills on your own? How did you learn them?

c. Did someone show you these skills? What was effective about the way they taught these skills?

Learned from faculty

Courses

High school

College

Other Students

Librarians

Learned skills on my own

If not mentioned, ask...

d. Did you ever attend a research class taught by one of Bowdoin's reference librarians? What do you remember from that class? What did you learn from the class that has helped you (or will help you) with your honors project?

Yes

No

End of Survey