



# Experiences with Information Literacy Frequencies & Means 2025-2026: All Private Baccalaureate Institutions

During the current school year, about how often have you done the following? ⓘ

	Count	Mean	StDev	Very often (4)	Often (3)	Sometimes (2)	Never (1)	Total
a. Completed an assignment using an information source (book, article, website, etc.) other than required course readings	2,585	3.22	0.86	48%	29%	20%	3%	100%
b. Completed an assignment using a library's physical or digital collection of articles, books, or journals (JSTOR, EBSCO, LexisNexis, ProQuest, Interlibrary Loan, etc.)	2,582	3.05	0.98	43%	28%	21%	8%	100%
c. Received help from the library (met with a librarian, used the library's chat service, etc.)	2,583	1.69	0.91	7%	9%	30%	55%	100%
d. Changed the focus of a paper or project based on information you found while researching the topic	2,585	2.37	0.88	13%	25%	48%	14%	100%
e. Looked for an information source that was cited in something you read	2,582	2.67	0.92	23%	30%	38%	9%	100%
f. Evaluated an information source by conducting additional research	2,580	2.72	0.92	23%	34%	34%	9%	100%
g. Identified information that was biased, misleading, or deceptive	2,578	2.40	0.92	15%	25%	44%	16%	100%
h. Decided not to use an information source in a course assignment due to its questionable quality	2,572	2.36	0.94	14%	26%	42%	18%	100%
i. Referred to an information source you found on social media for an assignment	2,580	1.55	0.87	6%	8%	21%	65%	100%
j. Consulted with an expert as an information source (on campus, in community)	2,571	1.72	0.90	6%	11%	31%	52%	100%
k. Coached or mentored a classmate or peer with research for their course assignment	2,576	1.59	0.87	5%	10%	23%	61%	100%

Which of the following have you done while in college or do you plan to do before you graduate? 2,576 ⓘ

	Count	Have not decided (1)	Do not plan to do (2)	Plan to do (3)	Done or in progress (4)	To my knowledge is not available (9)	Total
a. Attend a campus-sponsored session about conducting research (instructional session with a librarian, writing center for help with a research paper, a library or department workshop, etc.)	2,569	21%	32%	13%	26%	8%	100%
b. Present, publish, or publicly share the results of your research, scholarly activity, or creative work to an audience beyond your classmates (on- or off-campus academic conference, exhibition, research journal, literary magazine, professional blog, etc.)	2,570	25%	38%	19%	12%	6%	100%
c. Use library resources for a non-academic task (leisure reading, researching jobs, watching films, etc.)	2,566	20%	30%	18%	28%	4%	100%

How much has your experience at this institution contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas? 2,577 ⓘ

	Count	Mean	StDev	Very much (4)	Quite a bit (3)	Some (2)	Very little (1)	Not at all (0)	Total
a. Understanding the research and writing styles or practices of your major or field of study	2,574	3.01	0.95	36%	37%	21%	5%	1%	100%
b. Developing information and research management strategies (note-taking, using citation software, document organization, etc.)	2,569	2.88	0.98	32%	35%	25%	7%	1%	100%
c. Developing your research skills to identify information for personal reasons (not related to your courses)	2,571	2.64	1.11	27%	30%	29%	11%	4%	100%
d. Keeping an open mind when encountering opposing perspectives during your research	2,574	2.97	0.94	34%	37%	24%	4%	2%	100%