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12 *In this issue, Susan Gardner Archambault, Head of Reference*
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15 *argue that the curriculum mapping procedure helps libraries in-*
16 *tegrate their information literacy goals across the curriculum and*
17 *align these goals with the broader objectives of their institution. The*
18 *authors review the history of curriculum mapping, present a case*
19 *study of how it was used in their library, and discuss best practices*
20 *and tools.*

21 **CURRICULUM MAPPING AS A STRATEGIC PLANNING TOOL**

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27 **ABSTRACT.** *Curriculum mapping is a procedure for documenting*
28 *and visualizing student learning at the programmatic level. The*
29 *process allows libraries the opportunity to record where information*
30 *literacy skills are taught across the curriculum in order to locate*
31 *gaps and redundancies within a library instruction program. It*
32 *also allows for alignment of the library's learning outcomes with the*
33 *learning outcomes important to the institution. This paper presents*
34 *a review of the history of curriculum mapping, followed by a case*
35 *study of how Loyola Marymount University (LMU) used the process*
36 *to support information literacy in a new core curriculum.*

37 **KEYWORDS** *curriculum mapping, assessment, information lit-*
38 *eracy, student learning outcomes, higher education, curriculum*
39 *review*

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INTRODUCTION

41 For the last twenty years, institutional and accreditation bodies have focused
42 on student learning, and because of this, the library has been moving "from
43 a content view (books, subject knowledge) to a competency view (what
44 students will be able to do)" (Smith, 2001, p. 32). Libraries can contribute to
45 student success by aiding in the kind of learning that the university values.
46 Collaborating with faculty and university administration to embed informa-
47 tion literacy learning outcomes into curricula, courses, and assignments, as
48 outlined in the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Stan-
49 dards for Libraries in Higher Education (2011), is essential to achieving the
50 academic library's primary goal of developing information-literate learners.
51 How can libraries engage in the institution's curricular development process?
52 The library "must take the initiative in determining what the library has to
53 offer that will help," since it is unlikely to be identified as a place to turn for
54 help otherwise (Smith, 2001, p. 35). Increasingly, academic libraries "seek
55 to integrate information literacy instruction into the curriculum of academic
56 departments within the university" (VanScoy & Oakleaf, 2008, p. 566). Two
57 categories of success articulated in the "Characteristics of Programs of Infor-
58 mation Literacy that Illustrate Best Practices: A Guideline" (ACRL "Best Prac-
59 tices Initiative Institute for Information Literacy," 2012) document—"Goals
60 and Objectives" and "Articulation within the Curriculum," both stress that
61 the goals and objectives for information literacy programs be consistent with
62 the mission, goals, and objectives of the library and the institution. Further-
63 more, information literacy must be integrated across the curriculum through
64 specified programs and courses charged with implementing information lit-
65 eracy competencies.

66 One procedure that helps librarians do this kind of shared competen-
67 cies alignment is curriculum mapping. Curriculum mapping is the systematic

68 analysis of the content of the courses in a curriculum. The original Latin
69 meaning of the word curriculum is loosely translated to mean “the course, the
70 path, the road” (English, 1980, p. 559). Eisenberg (1984) noted that curricu-
71 lum “defines what is taught, in what order, with what methods and materials,
72 and how it is evaluated” (p. 3). By creating a curriculum map, the structure
73 of a program becomes visible (Bullard & Holden, 2008). Curriculum map-
74 ping is a way of examining a program of study and the courses within that
75 program in order to understand curriculum structures and relationships, gain
76 insight in how students experience their discipline, and increase awareness
77 of curricular content. Librarians can “use curriculum mapping to demonstrate
78 how the library’s instruction activities intersect with broader campus goals
79 and outcomes” (Belanger & Oakleaf, 2013, p. 355). Ideally, libraries should
80 link their own information literacy learning outcomes to wider learning out-
81 comes at the accreditation, institutional, program, or department level. This
82 will allow librarians to work with faculty to make library instruction “an or-
83 ganic and immersive process, not a one-time effort” (Moser, Heisel, Jacob,
84 & McNeill, 2011, p. 331). This article will review the history of curriculum
85 mapping and explain how it can be used as a strategic planning tool for
86 information literacy instruction.

87 HISTORY OF CURRICULUM MAPPING

88 Curriculum Mapping for K–12 Education

89 Curriculum mapping was developed in the 1970’s for primary and secondary
90 teachers. In 1980, Fenwick W. English described curriculum mapping as a
91 way for K–12 teachers to inventory the major concepts (including accom-
92 panying skills, attitudes, and activities) taught in their classrooms and the
93 timespan allotted for each major concept on the academic calendar. It al-
94 lowed for the recording of overlap and variance among teachers teaching
95 similar content. It was described by English (1980) as a “reconstruction of
96 the real curriculum teachers have taught” (p. 558) rather than the old ‘top-
97 down’ prescriptive approach where teachers were encouraged to “align”
98 their class time to the official district curriculum. Traditional procedures
99 for curriculum development were still supervised by a teacher, evaluator
100 or coordinator; almost all maps went through a third party (Jacobs, 1997,
101 pp. 7–8). In 1984, Michael Eisenberg described a curriculum mapping project
102 done for the New York State Bureau to School Libraries to identify the units
103 in the curriculum most suited for library media center involvement. The
104 mapping was done using a computer-based system called CMAP to allow
105 for data manipulation, and the level of instruction (introduced, reinforced,
106 or expanded) was recorded for each learning objective along with the teach-
107 ing method, materials used, organization of instruction, and how it was
108 evaluated.

109 Heidi Hayes Jacobs, now considered a major authority in K–12 cur-
 110 riculum development, greatly expanded upon the concept of curriculum
 111 mapping in the late 80's and early 90's by pushing for greater teacher par-
 112 ticipation in the development process and getting rid of the third party. She
 113 saw curriculum mapping not just as a tool for individual teachers, but rather
 114 as a way to develop a school-wide interdisciplinary curriculum not based on
 115 assumptions from standards but on what teachers were really doing in the
 116 classroom and how students were accomplishing the learning (Jacobs, 1997).
 117 To Jacobs, the teacher was the designer or composer of the classroom and
 118 thus her or his curriculum should be integrated into the learning objectives
 119 and purpose of the school (Jacobs, 2004). She felt that curriculum mapping
 120 was a way to provide the data needed to develop a meaningful vision for
 121 sharpening the alignment of standards, identifying repetitions and gaps in
 122 student learning, and creating a consistent core curriculum for all children
 123 (Jacobs, 1997). She listed four phases in the curriculum mapping process:
 124 (1) laying the foundation (developing a deeper understanding of curricu-
 125 lum mapping and your school's reason to map); (2) launching the process
 126 (organizing the structure and orchestrating the mapping); (3) maintaining,
 127 sustaining, and integrating the system (including assessment data and liter-
 128 acy skills); and (4) advanced mapping tasks for the future (Jacobs & Johnson,
 129 2009). Ironically, her description of primary and secondary education in the
 130 late 90's is applicable to universities in the current day: "(t)hough teachers
 131 may work together in the same building for years, they usually have sketchy
 132 knowledge of what goes on in each other's classrooms" (Jacobs, 1997,
 133 p. 3). Jacobs' best practice recommendations for curriculum map develop-
 134 ment can be found in academic library literature and is still applicable for
 135 current day mappers.

136 Precursor to Curriculum Mapping: The Syllabus Study

137 Around the same time period as English, academic librarians were tak-
 138 ing a closer look at syllabus analysis as a useful research method for
 139 determining course assignments in order to match these up with corre-
 140 sponding library usage. Linda Rambler (1982) used a syllabus study to
 141 determine categories of library usage based on class assignments in dif-
 142 ferent colleges and noted that the information gleaned from the syllabuses
 143 would help for decision making in areas such as budget allocation, col-
 144 lection development, library instruction, public service, and personnel as-
 145 signments. She also looked at the types of assignments requiring library
 146 use. She concluded "a syllabus study provides irrefutable information for
 147 library administrators to use in planning and development activities di-
 148 rected toward creating a responsive academic library" (Rambler, 1982,
 149 p. 159).

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syllabi

150 In 1985, Sayles argued that syllabus studies would lead to observed
151 gaps in collection development, anticipatory reference, and improved li-
152 brary guides and library instruction. He proposed evaluating courses using
153 the Library of Congress Subject headings. Similar studies hoping to antici-
154 pate library-use needs through a syllabus review were conducted by Lauer,
155 Merz and Craig (1989), Bean and Klekowski (1993), and Williams, Cody and
156 Parnell (2004). Dewald (2003) did a syllabus study limited to the field of busi-
157 ness and looked at both library use and demand for research. Later syllabus
158 studies shifted the focus to look at the research and instruction skills required
159 in course assignments (rather than merely looking at library resources used
160 or types of assignments). O'Hanlon (2007) used a syllabus review to look
161 at intersections between university and departmental learning outcomes and
162 the library's research skills instruction program, as well as evidence of re-
163 quired outside research and recommended information resources. VanScoy
164 and Oakleaf (2008) analyzed the research tasks required of first-year stu-
165 dents to better inform their curriculum-integrated instruction and found that
166 students needed to locate articles, Web sites, and books. Dinkelman (2010)
167 looked at the research expectations for Biology majors, including course
168 objectives and learning goals as well as information literacy assignments
169 and the information resources listed. Boss and Drabinski (2014), who called
170 their project "roadmapping," analyzed syllabi in the School of Business for
171 library use and information literacy outcomes in order to guide outreach
172 to Business faculty. They based their content analysis around the Associa-
173 tion of American Colleges & Universities Information Literacy VALUE Rubric
174 (2010).

175 'Curriculum Mapping' Term Appears in Academic Libraries

176 In 2001 the term "curriculum mapping" was used in the context of analyzing
177 previous instruction statistics recorded in a Microsoft Access database to see
178 when instruction was occurring in the curriculum to identify gaps and re-
179 dundancies in curricular areas, identify collaborative possibilities, and align
180 the instructional program with Information Literacy Competency Standards
181 (Martin, Middleton, Nichols, & Wilmes, 2003). Smith (2001) urged libraries
182 to develop their own learning outcomes, possibly by using the *Information*
183 *Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education* (ACRL, 2000) as a start-
184 ing point; he provided examples of sample learning outcomes. Smith (2001)
185 stated "developing a set of learning outcomes will allow libraries to deter-
186 mine the extent to which their interests are aligned with the expectations of
187 other academic communities in the University (p. 34). In the early 2000's,
188 several University libraries, including the University of Illinois at Urbana-
189 Champaign, the University of Windsor in Ontario, Canada, Wartburg College

190 in Waverly, Iowa, and Ramapo College of New Jersey (Hinchliffe, Mark, &
191 Merz, 2003; Lampert, 2007) began to experiment with “curriculum mapping”
192 in relation to information literacy. Bullard and Holden (2008) presented on
193 curriculum mapping in a science setting at the University of Tennessee and
194 defined curriculum mapping to the library field as a framework to “identify
195 relevant and appropriate placement of information literacy within a course
196 of study or the general education curriculum” (p.17). They highlighted the
197 following benefits to libraries: “it keeps library services relevant to the de-
198 partment and the students, it encourages a similar language for discussing
199 information literacy, it acts as a tool for marketing to departments, and it
200 creates more authentic (point-of-need) learning opportunities for students”
201 (p. 17). They outlined the following steps for curriculum mapping a dis-
202 cipline: review the degree requirements for your course of study; analyze
203 individual courses and identify existing information literacy concepts and
204 areas of weakness; create a draft of a curriculum map showing areas of
205 existing and potential information literacy; request a meeting with faculty
206 with whom you have good relations to share your results and get their feed-
207 back; and then begin marketing your ideas to the rest of the department
208 (p. 21).

209 Lampert (2007) emphasized the importance for libraries to look, during
210 curriculum mapping, beyond the department level to standards “accepted re-
211 gionally or nationally by professional associations, state standards, or often
212 even accrediting bodies” (p. 101) for better insight into overall curricular and
213 instructional objectives. Several additional libraries have reported on their
214 efforts to use curriculum mapping to enhance information literacy. Moser,
215 Heisel, Jacob, and McNeill (2011) did a mapping project at Oxford College of
216 Emory University by paring down the ACRL Information Literacy Competency
217 Standards into a list of prioritized goals for student learning, then conducting
218 focus groups with faculty to refine the goals. From there, they developed
219 a curriculum mapping worksheet compatible with the WeaveONLINE as-

Q3 220 assessment management system. The UNLV Libraries (2011) used curriculum
221 mapping to do an analysis of department and program curricula to identify
222 courses that represent strategic points for the introduction, reinforcement,
223 and enhancement of their University Undergraduate Learning Outcomes-
224 Library Core. According to Booth and Matthews (2012), the Claremont Colleges

Q4 225 Library took a visualization-based approach to curriculum mapping by using
226 the Mindomo software to do concept mapping to depict the path and require-
227 ments of a major and identify “how our instruction, outreach, and collection
228 development efforts can be best (re)directed” (p. 6). Bussert (2014) pub-
229 lished directions for engaging subject librarians in program-level assessment
230 to map the integration of information literacy instruction across a curriculum
231 using a shared Google Docs Spreadsheet and the peer review approach.
232 She proposed classifying courses into the following three “tiers”: courses

233 where in-person library instruction is currently offered; courses where the
234 instruction is offered through other means such as co-designed assignments
235 or online tutorials; and courses that would be good candidates for library
236 instruction in the future.

237 CASE STUDY: LMU

238 Institutional Context

239 The number one strategic priority for Loyola Marymount University's (LMU)
240 William H. Hannon Library is for every student to achieve standards-based
241 information literacy proficiencies at graduation. The curriculum mapping
242 project at LMU grew out of a need to plan for a comprehensive and se-
243 quential library instruction program that could be integrated into a new un-
244 dergraduate core curriculum. In 2010, LMU's Faculty Senate voted to adopt
245 new University Undergraduate Learning Goals and Outcomes. One of the
246 learning outcomes addressed information literacy; it stated "students will be
247 able to identify information needs, locate and access relevant information
248 and critically evaluate a diverse array of sources" ("The Core at LMU," 2011).
249 This university-level outcome was a catalyst for the development of comple-
250 mentary program-level learning outcomes related to information literacy for
251 the new undergraduate Core curriculum. The new Core was implemented in
252 2013, and through the LMU Core, students should be able to "collect, inter-
253 pret, evaluate and use evidence to make arguments and produce knowledge"
254 and also "identify information needs, locate and access information and crit-
255 ically evaluate sources" ("The Core at LMU").

256 Information literacy concepts are embedded into course-level learning
257 outcomes for three required courses in the new LMU Core (see Figure 1).
258 Information literacy is introduced at the course level in the fall of a stu-
259 dent's freshman year during a First Year Seminar course and reinforced in
260 the second semester during a Rhetorical Arts course. The freshman course
261 information literacy outcomes are measured through online tutorials created
262 by LMU librarians, as well as assignments and grading rubrics developed
263 collaboratively by faculty and LMU librarians. Information literacy skills are
264 then enhanced within a student's disciplinary major at least once at the
265 sophomore level or higher through a course that is "flagged" for information
266 literacy. To "flag" a course for information literacy, each Department must
267 submit a proposal that is signed by their Chair and Dean. The flagging pro-
268 cess is ongoing, and many Departments are still considering which course(s)
269 to flag. The curriculum mapping process evolved as a way for librarians
270 to help each Department systematically review information literacy across
271 their curriculum in order to determine which courses to formally "flag" for
272 information literacy.

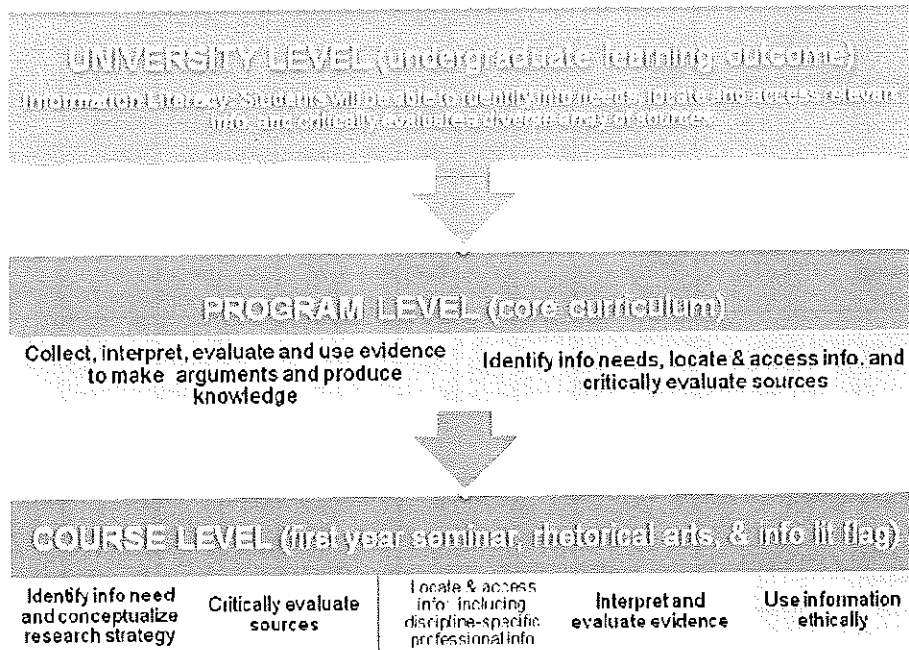


FIGURE 1 Information Literacy Learning Outcomes at LMU.

273 Design

274 A set of curriculum mapping instructions and a blank curriculum map tem-
 275 plate were created for all subject librarians as a Microsoft word document and
 276 placed on a shared storage drive. Folders were created on the drive for all
 277 45 subjects or programs of study for undergraduates, with dedicated spaces
 278 within each folder to save the curriculum map and the course syllabi. The
 279 instructions ask librarians to first make a note of any Departmental learning
 280 outcomes or related accrediting body learning outcomes related to informa-
 281 tion literacy. Then the librarian identifies the required “core” courses within
 282 each Major/program of study and lists them on the template as well as the
 283 electives. Brief course descriptions are listed, and librarians obtain copies of
 284 the course syllabi from the Department in order to perform a content analysis
 285 for each course.

286 A content analysis is performed on each syllabus to identify existing or
 287 potential learning outcomes and assignments related to information. A list of
 288 five information literacy learning outcomes to look for was created by trian-
 289 gulating the information literacy learning outcomes at the University level,
 290 program level, and course levels. Specifically, librarians at LMU are look-
 291 ing for evidence of student participation in the following LMU information
 292 literacy dimensions:

INFO. LIT. LEARNING OUTCOME	REQUIRED COURSES/CORE COURSES: Communication Studies									
	FYS	R.A. (replaces 100, 110, 130?, 140)	CMST 170	CMST 203	CMST 204	CMST 351	CMST 352	CMST 451	CMST 452	
Identify info need and conceptualize research strategy	X	X		X	X			X		
Critically evaluate variety of sources	X	X		X*	X					
Locate & access books and articles	X	X		X	X		(X*)	X		
Plagiarism and citing sources	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	
Interpret and evaluate evidence to make arguments		X			X		X	X	X	

FIGURE 2 Sample LMU Curriculum Map.

- 293 1. Identify an information need or conceptualize a research strategy (usually
294 through a research topic or thesis)
295 2. Critically evaluate sources by differentiating between them and using cri-
296 teria such as rationale/bias, authority, date/currency, accuracy, and rele-
297 vance
298 3. Find information beyond assigned course readings (e.g., books and arti-
299 cles)
300 4. Interpret and evaluate evidence to make arguments by integrating infor-
301 mation beyond the assigned course readings
302 5. Information ethics through the demonstration of proper acknowledgement
303 of others work.

304 When indicators of these information literacy outcomes are found, they
305 are mapped to the corresponding course(s) on the curriculum map (see
306 Figure 2). The process helps to pinpoint strategic opportunities for librarian-
307 faculty collaborations in "High impact" courses that are required for the Major
308 and could naturally build on foundational information literacy skills taught
309 during the first year. Assessment of the information literacy is also mapped
310 out for each course where information literacy was identified (see Figure 3);
311 librarians record the learning outcomes (what students do); the assignment
312 (how the student demonstrates learning); the curriculum (what does the
313 student need to know to do it well?); and how it is assessed or graded (how
314 we know the student has done it well). The final step asks the librarian to

Course CMST 204

Information Literacy Learning Outcomes/Performance Indicators (What will the student do?)	Assignment (How will the student demonstrate the learning?)	Curriculum (What does the student need to know to do it well?)	How is it Assessed/Graded (How will we know the student has done this well?)
Identify a research topic or information need Find and use scholarly and discipline-specific professional information Evaluate a scholarly article and understand research method used Select an appropriate documentation style and use it consistently to cite sources Construct well-supported research-based argument	Bibliography Annotated Bibliography Literature Review	Construct search query; Comm Studies Databases to find articles; Evaluate a scholarly article, including the research method uses; Identify research question; Citation Style	"Research Prospectus" consisting of bibliography/source list, annotated bibliography, and Lit Review comprises anywhere between 15-45% of grade

FIGURE 3 Dissection of a Course.

315 identify courses that should be or could be "flagged" for information literacy
 316 (ideally, core courses that by their nature involve research).

317 Upon completion of each curriculum map, librarians share the results
 318 with the Department. The process is helping faculty identify appropriate
 319 courses to target for the "information literacy flag" in each college and de-
 320 partment and figure out where information literacy fits into their curriculum
 321 as a whole. Each librarian recommends courses that are most strategic to em-
 322 bed information literacy instruction into so more students will benefit within
 323 each Major. Courses that are required for the Major and could naturally build
 324 on foundational information literacy skills taught in freshman core curricu-
 325 lum courses are identified as a top priority (see Figure 4). The curriculum
 326 mapping is still underway, but librarians have already successfully persuaded
 327 26 departments (approximately 58% of all departments) to formally embed
 328 information literacy into their courses.

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CURRICULUM MAPPING BEST PRACTICES

330 Curriculum mapping through a content analysis of course syllabi is a process
 331 that allows librarians to independently gain more control over the subject
 332 area they support without requiring a time commitment from faculty or over-
 333 coming possible resistance to librarian involvement in teaching. Libraries that
 334 perform curriculum mapping can see "where information literacy skills are
 335 taught throughout the curriculum . . . and locate gaps in student learning as

336 well as places where instruction is being needlessly repeated” (Moser, 2011,
 337 p. 332). However, there are potential roadblocks and ambiguities inherent in
 338 the curriculum mapping process that need to be resolved ahead of time to
 339 ensure a smoother process. It is best to offer tips for resolving these issues
 340 in your planning and initial set of instructions. Here is a list of “best prac-
 341 tices” based on our own experience and some experiences discussed in the
 342 curriculum mapping literature.

- 343 • Multiple sections of the same course can have different learning outcomes
 344 and assignments because faculty members may teach the course differently,
 345 so be explicit about what to do in these situations. At LMU, we recorded
 346 all variations on an assignment or outcome.
- 347 • Some courses are cross-listed with multiple departments. For example,
 348 the course “Racial and Ethnic Politics” might be listed in both Chicana/o
 349 Studies and Political Science. Create a rule for which department is the
 350 primary one responsible for doing the mapping in these instances.
- 351 • Give librarians access to a list of courses from the library instruc-
 352 tion statistics that have requested library instruction over the last two
 353 years, since these courses are likely to include information literacy
 354 components.
- 355 • Align your information literacy learning outcomes to disciplinary or depart-
 356 mental language; the shared language will lead to greater communication
 357 between faculty and librarians. Give librarians a document with examples
 358 of how the ACRL Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher
 359 Education have aligned with other professional standards. An example of a
 360 helpful document showing parallels among different learning standards is

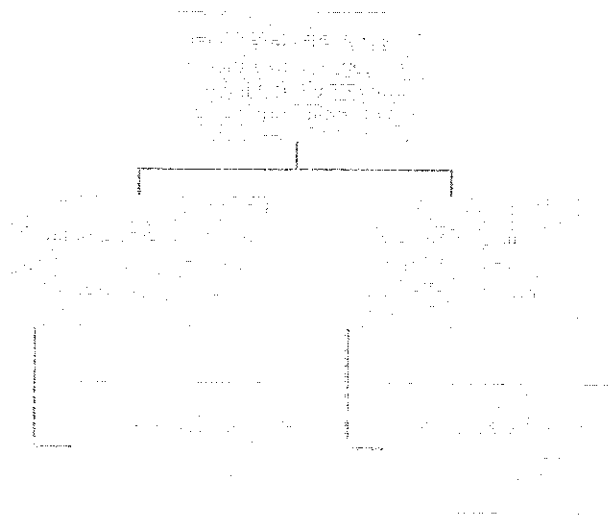


FIGURE 4 Example of Sequential Skills for a Recommended Flagged Course.

- 361 Megan Oakleaf's (2011) "Shared Learning Standards and Outcomes" com-
 362 parison chart (p. 64).
- 363 • Exclude courses that are only offered infrequently, or courses that radically
 364 change content every time they are taught (e.g., "Special Studies"). These
 365 courses are not a priority for information literacy integration, and spending
 366 time on them is not strategic.
 - 367 • There will sometimes be insufficient details on the syllabus. O'Hanlon
 368 (2007) notes that "some instructors may distribute separate instructions for
 369 research projects" not covered in the syllabus" (p. 181). Therefore, it is
 370 a good idea to allow for the option of putting a "?" for instances where
 371 information is missing.
 - 372 • It can be a challenge to collect the syllabi from certain departments, so
 373 offer to send someone over to pick up the syllabi (or make photocopies if
 374 this is the best option). Send a template form letter that clearly explains the
 375 purpose of the curriculum mapping project to both the department chair
 376 and the administrative assistant. Have your library dean or director follow
 377 up with unresponsive departments.
 - 378 • "Clearly communicate the goals of the mapping project to librarians so
 379 librarians understand the value of engaging in the process and how
 380 the desired outcomes can positively impact the instruction program and
 381 their own teaching," and be sure to emphasize that the process is "not
 382 meant to interrogate individual librarians' teaching loads or pedagogi-
 383 cal choices" (Bussert, 2014, p. 148). At LMU, subject librarians had re-
 384 quired reading, several presentations, and hands-on practice before they
 385 received step-by-step written documentation on how to perform curricu-
 386 lum mapping. It was also added as an activity to the library's strategic
 387 plan.

388 TOOLS FOR CURRICULUM MAPPING


389 Do-It-Yourself Tools

390 Curriculum mapping can be plotted in a grid, linear, or "rubric" format. Ja-
 391 cobs (2009) advocated for proactive electronic documentation that could be
 392 updated immediately and shared widely (p. 7). One free option is Google
 393 Docs, which has collective sharing/editing capacities for map sharing and
 394 online cloud storage, and allows users to track changes and revert to earlier
 395 versions of their document (Google Docs, 2015). Another inexpensive option
 396 is Mindomo for visual concept mapping (Mindomo, 2015). If cloud storage
 397 and sharing options are not necessary, Microsoft Office software (e.g., Excel
 398 or Word) can be used. There is also specialized curriculum mapping soft-
 399 ware that can be used to create, organize, analyze and distribute curriculum
 400 maps. The majority of software is designed to address the entire process of

401 curriculum design, implementation and assessment and can do much more
402 than create maps. The software can often search across an entire school
403 district to track outcomes and concepts.

404 K–12 Software

405 Mapster was created by the Greater Southern Tier Board of Cooperative
406 Educational Services (GSTBOCES), a non-profit education organization in
407 New York State. It is a Web-based curriculum-mapping tool that requires
408 a JavaScript-enabled browser. Mapster's curriculum maps are based on the
409 model created by Heidi Hayes Jacobs. The product has an online publish-
410 ing ability that will share maps with other Mapster users. Mapster has tiered
411 pricing based on number of users but ranges from \$1,000–3,000 and comes
412 packaged with GSTBOCES' other product, "Toolbox Pro," an e-content man-
413 agement system (Mapster, 2015).

414 There are several subscription-based (price usually based on district en-
415 rollment numbers) commercial software options with a one-time setup fee as
416 well. One option is C2 Collaborative's "Curriculum Mapper," which can be
417 purchased separately or as part of a suite of Web-based curriculum software.
418 It includes fields for "Content," "Skills," "Assessment," and "Standards," the
419 ability for hyperlinks, and can store maps online, create reports, and provide
420 access to lesson plans shared by schools participating in the Curriculum Map-
421 per system (Curriculum Mapper, 2015). School Software Group's "Build Your
422  Own Curriculum" (BYOC) s a similar option. It allows for audio or video
423 attachments and is searchable by keyword or course, unit, topic, learning
424 target, and activity. It allows for comments and lists a "primary in-house ex-
425 pert" for topics (BYOC, 2015). Another Web-based multifunctional curricu-
426 lum planning tool is EduTect's "UnitPlanner." This tool supports "Curriculum
427 Planning for Understanding," a curriculum development process created by
428 Dr. Jay McTighe, which may be a dissuading factor for those uninterested
429 in this approach (Unit Planner, 2015). EduTect allows for individual school
430 licenses, which may make it a more affordable option than other options
431 in this list. Seacliff Education Solutions offers "Curricuplan," which has less
432 features than some of the others but allows for custom mapping templates,
433 online sharing, and the uploading of state standards (Curricuplan, 2015).

434 Software for Higher Education

435 Rubicon International's "Atlas Curriculum Management System" is used in
436 both K–12 and in higher education and is a multifunctional Web-based cur-
437 riculum management software that supports all aspects of curriculum design,

438 from tools that assist with standards alignment to online sharing via Web chat
439 and message boards (Atlas, 2015). In addition to creating curriculum maps,
440 Atlas can generate complex analytical reports that filter lesson plans accord-
441 ing to state educational standards (such as AAC&U Learning Outcomes), by
442 school or department, professor or theme. Oakleaf, Belanger, and Graham
443 (2013) report that some assessment management systems for higher educa-
444 tion can generate curriculum maps. Specifically, they list eLumen, LiveText,
445 rGrade, Taskstream, Tk20, TracDat/iWebfolio, and WEAVEOnline as hav-
446 ing this ability (p. 102). LiveText, subscription-based at the institution level,
447 is an e-portfolio management software program used to manage student
448 assignments and projects with complex assessment tools and other class
449 management resources. It has Turnitin integration and a curriculum map-
450 ping feature, although it is a somewhat simplified version from the model
451 of Heidi Hayes Jacobs. The cost of LiveText is somewhat prohibitive, but
452 many libraries may find that their university already owns a subscription
453 and is using the mapping option for department wide assessment (LiveText,
454 2015).

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CONCLUSION

456 Curriculum mapping offers many benefits to libraries, including the chance
457 to become more familiar with the curriculum structures and relationships that
458 can align the library's learning outcomes to the rest of the University. The
459 process provides opportunities to systematically review information literacy
460 across all disciplines and forge new faculty partnerships. It helps libraries
461 avoid duplication and gaps in information literacy instruction so that the
462 placement and timing of information literacy across each discipline can be-
463 come more strategic. Curriculum mapping helps answer the question of what
464 the place is for information literacy in the curriculum as a whole. It leads to
465 a more comprehensive and sequential information literacy program that is
466 better integrated into the institution.

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