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## Curriculum request from University Libraries

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To: Nancy O'Hanlon &lt;ohanlon.1@osu.edu&gt;

Dear Professor O'Hanlon,

I hope that you will accept this email as concurrence from Chemistry.

If you need a more formal letter, please let me know.

Best regards,

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Dear Professor Hadad,

University Libraries offers some online credit courses through ASC to help students develop and expand their research skills. Recently, our science librarian, Danny Dotson, developed a new course, Online Research and the Science Literature (document attached). At this time, the course proposal is being reviewed by the Arts & Sciences CCI Sciences Subcommittee. They have requested letters of support from several departments. I am writing to ask you to consider providing such a letter.

The course has an interdisciplinary focus. Some course goals include:

- Recognize the purpose of resources in the physical and life sciences: blogs, pre-prints, research databases (articles, conference papers, etc.), e-books, citation searching, specialized web search engines and wikis in order to find a variety of resources on a topic.
- Employ effective search strategies in a variety of search tools in order to find relevant information on a topic.
- Evaluate search results in order to choose the most relevant information resources for a topic.

It is our experience as librarians that many students do not have these important skills and that current coursework seldom addresses this need. We do not believe this course replicates in any significant way others offered by departments. The course has been offered successfully as a Group Studies course several times. Thanks for considering this request. Please contact me if you need further information.

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