Sharing our success: TLS Undergraduate Research Workshop Series

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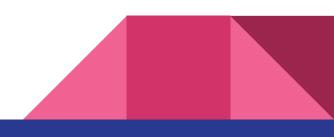
About the TLS Undergrad Workshops

Origins:

- Piloted Spring 2016
 - Designed to meet the needs of student concerns
 - 2 sessions each of *Identifying Stakeholders* & *Citing Sources* workshops

Present-day:

- A workshop series that spans the academic semester
- TLS & The Undergraduate Writing Center collaboration
- **Cooperation** between English 101 professors
- 30 minute, low-stakes workshops



Why Workshops?

- Better aligned with course due dates
- Less intimidating for students
- Builds partnerships with campus resources
- Extra credit incentive

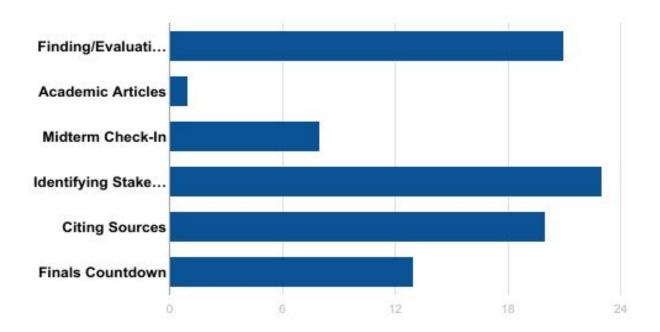


TLS Workshops Adaptations



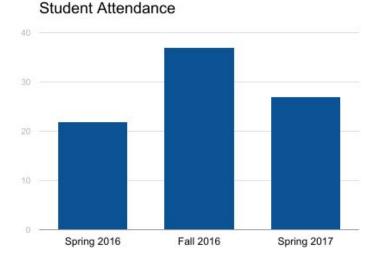
- Assessment Feedback
 - Collected through a "Let us know what you think!" survey
- Time / Location changes
- Understanding why certain titles / times are popular
- Better signage / advertising

Workshop Attendance



*This is total attendance count. Some workshops were offered more than others.

Workshop Findings



*Represents Total Attendance

Library Instruction Stats

Attended
Library session

Had not
attended
Library session

No Response

*Represents Total Data Collected (and not total attendance)

Student Feedback

"This workshop helped me get my ideas together"

"Good environment for discussion about similarities & differences in the individual research process"

"It gave me valuable information that will assist me in the writing of my position paper"



Future Considerations

- Create original education materials for each topic
 - Consistent styling
- Reach out to **underserved** student populations
 - Transfer, Commuter, International students
- Offer incentives to attend
 - The ultimate incentive: Food!
- Vamp up social media postings
- Better advertisements
 - Listserv postings, student focus groups, English 101 communication

Learn more about TLS Workshops

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