



Bevill State Community College

SACS Reaffirmation of Accreditation Compliance Certification

Library and Other Learning Resources

Comprehensive Standard 3.8.2

The institution ensures that users have access to regular and timely instruction in the use of the library and other learning/information resources. **(Instruction of library use)**

Judgment of Compliance:

Compliance **Partial Compliance** **Non-Compliance**

Rationale for Judgment of Compliance:

The Bevill State Community College Library ensures users have access to regular and timely instruction in the use of library and other learning/information resources. Library instruction is provided in three key ways:

- During Orientation (PSY 100): [Library orientation](#) is a part of the general orientation in which all students participate.
- On a one-on-one basis in the library, via telephone, by email, and through virtual reference and appointment-based reference.
- Through instructor-requested, discipline-specific general or bibliographic instruction sessions.

Library instruction emphasizes information literacy skills such as evaluating information, using Boolean logic, and conducting effective research. In group sessions, these fundamental concepts are briefly presented in a lecture and then reinforced through hands-on activities and collaboration. Both individual and [class instruction](#) are available for both day and evening classes. The College makes faculty aware of these Library opportunities in the [Personnel Handbook](#) and by regular emails and presentations to the faculty.

Individual instruction is available. These sessions may focus on checking citations, searching library holdings, using library databases and general guidance in library research. During the regular academic semester, assistance can also be obtained by using the “[Ask a Librarian](#)” link on the web page or by calling the circulation desks during regular library hours. Links to other [online tutorials](#) are available to students and faculty on the library web site.

In addition, Beville State Community College’s library is committed to providing quality library services and resources to [distance education students](#). Both traditional and distance education students can acquire materials through [interlibrary loan](#). They also have access to over 400 electronic books and over 110 databases provided by the College or the Alabama Virtual Library. Electronic books are accessible through the College’s online catalog.

Additional instructional sessions presented by the library include an annual [new faculty orientation](#) (which also welcomes returning faculty) providing an overview of library services and databases. The library also hosts [special events](#) like National Library Week and NetLibrary Day, at which eBooks were introduced to the College, and the Abraham Lincoln exhibition in June 2009 (funded by the Gilder-Lehrman Institute for American History in New York). Various other and programs draw persons to the Library, encourage library use, and further support the educational aims of the College.

The Library’s [policies and procedures](#) as well as access to the [Alabama Virtual Library](#) are available on the library [web site](#). Courier service is also available to deliver materials between campuses. For more information about the Library and its services, see the narrative for [Core Requirement 2.9](#).

References and Supporting Documentation:

Keyword(s)	Reference
Library orientation	Orientation Zone Workbook 2008-2009, Library Orientation, pages 29-32
Class instruction	Library Instruction Session Request Form
<i>Personnel Handbook</i>	BSCC Personnel Handbook 2009: NUMBER: F/1.4 Library Services
Ask a Librarian	Ask a Librarian
Online tutorials	Library Tutorials and Guides bscc.edu/library_tutorials.php
Distance education students	Library Services for Distance Learning
Interlibrary loan	Interlibrary Loan Request Form: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional • Distance Education
New faculty orientation	Library Orientation for New Faculty and Adjunct
Special events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unveiling of the United States Postal Service Literary Arts Series Stamp 9-8-2004 • Italian American Heritage Month Program
Policies and procedures	Library Policies and Procedures bscc.edu/library_policies.php
Alabama Virtual Library	Alabama Virtual Library <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • avl.lib.al.us/ • Alabama Virtual Library Brochure

Web site	Bevill State Library Web Site bscc.edu/library_tutorials.php
Core Requirement 2.9	Core Requirement 2.9 Narrative