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LIBRARY IMPACT STATEMENT

LIBRARIANS' ASSESSMENT

Course: AAF304 : Contemporary Research Methods in Africana Studies

Department, College: Africana Studies, College of Arts and Sciences

Faculty Members: Prof. Donna Gilton

Date returned to Faculty: 8 April 2016

Librarian Completing Assessment: m. vocino

AAF304 : Contemporary Research Methods in Africana Studies is an upper level course. The course "...provides an introduction to research materials in the field. The creation, collection and dissemination of information in different academic disciplines and professions will be emphasized." All of the subject areas and specific topics dealing with the subject are areas of strength for the University Library and the Library is committed to maintaining that level of support especially in light of the fact that the course will require heavy library use. Virtually all of the materials (monographic, serial, and databases) noted in the syllabus by the instructor are already held by the Libraries.

We are able to add whatever appropriate monographic needs may arise for the instructor and students of this course, but we cannot add any new journal titles except through a drop/add policy that requires the department to identify a journal title (of equal value) that it would like to drop from its serials list to permit the addition of another. Our monographic holdings for Africana Studies are excellent and will meet the requirements of this course as stated by the instructor. The critical journals and electronic resources in the field are also held by the University Libraries as noted by the instructor.

All that said, we will be able to support this course bibliographically. My suggestion is that if bibliographic instruction is required for this course, the instructor for the course should contact our information literacy specialists through the Information and Research Help Desk at 874-2653.

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