

LIS 510
Assignment #5 Comparison of Information Behavior
(Individual Assignment)

During the last couple of weeks you were exposed to studies about information behavior of different groups of people such as scholars, scientists, students, engineers or nurses. Choose two of these groups (one of which might be the group you presented) and compare their information behaviors:

What do studies of one group emphasize?

What do studies of the other group emphasize?

Which typical patterns of behaviors are common to both groups?

Which ones are clearly different?

What explanations can you give to the differences and commonalities?

Alternatively, you can use these questions to compare between studies of information behavior on the job with those of information behavior in everyday life:

What do studies of on-the-job information behavior emphasize, and what do studies of everyday life emphasize?

Which typical patterns of behavior are common to both environments?

Which ones are clearly different?

What explanations can you give for the differences and commonalities?

Length: 2-3 double spaced pages.

Due at the beginning of class **Thursday, December 8th (510A)** or **Friday, December 9th (510B)**