

Library Ambassador Program at CSU San Bernardino

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Agenda



The Program

The Pedagogy



Lessons Learned

The Library Ambassador Program

For faculty who teach first-year GE courses with a critical information literacy outcome (Written Communication, Oral Communication, History of the United States, and First-Year (Foundation) Seminar): The Pfau Library and Undergraduate Studies' Student Mentoring offer a peer Library Ambassador program to supplement critical information literacy instruction in the classroom with the goal of centering and establishing connection amongst students, in turn decreasing library anxiety.



2019-2020 Library Ambassadors

The Pedagogy (Theory)







Active Learning

Culturally Responsive Teaching Teachers (Ambassadors) become Co-Learners

Lessons Learned

Like information literacy instruction, getting the word out was difficult

Explaining what the program is to stakeholders

Emphasize: peer teaching

Library Guides

GUIDE FOR FACULTY

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GUIDE FOR STUDENTS

https://libguides.csusb.edu/ambassadors-for-faculty https://libguides.csusb.edu/ambassadors







Thank you, feel free to contact me!

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