When did you arrive at UC Merced?

A. Less than 2 months ago
B. Less than a year ago
C. Between 1 and 2 years ago
D. More than 2 years ago
For how many classes have you been a TA before?

A. No classes
B. 1 class
C. 2 classes
D. 3 classes or more
How would you rate your familiarity with the UC Merced Library’s Services?

A. Not familiar
B. Somewhat familiar
C. Quite familiar
D. Very familiar
How proficient are you in searching for information in library databases?

A. Minimally proficient
B. Somewhat proficient
C. Quite proficient
D. Very proficient
Importance of Teaching Assistants

• Often the first point of contact for students
• Have a good grasp of what is required for students in a specific course
• Can encourage students to use services available on campus
You will be able to ...

• Answer basic student inquiries about the library and its services
• Take advantage of library services to support student learning
• Direct students to librarians for research assistance
Library Services

Collections
* Local (print & online)
* UC libraries and beyond (Interlibrary Loan)

Research Assistance
* Constructing search strategies
* Locating appropriate search tools
* Overcoming technical barriers
* Utilizing research management tools

Access
Help! I’m trying to get into an article on UCMCROPs that I need to read for your course and it won’t let me. **Why not?** I have opened it before. BTW I don’t want to buy all my textbooks. Can I get them at the library?
I used RefWorks to generate my bibliography, but you gave me 2 out of 10 for it. What did I do wrong? What’s the best way to create my bibliography?
I’m in your class on social issues and public policy. I’ve decided to write my essay on the impact of gang violence in California. I tried typing in gangs and impact in the UC Merced catalog but I didn’t get very many good results. What should I do?
Question #4

For this final paper, you said that I need to use scholarly information. What exactly does that mean and how am I supposed to know if the information I find is scholarly?
Question #5

For some reason, you aren’t impressed when I quote from Wikipedia. The entry I read on the “Cossacks” even had many citations. How can I incorporate information from Wikipedia into my paper and still get a good grade? Please don’t tell me I can’t use Wikipedia.
You kept talking about “molecular chaperones” in class on Friday and I can’t find a definition for this in www.thefreedictionary.com. Can you tell me what this means or tell me where I can find specific scientific terms?
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Other Notes:

• Ability to create a tutorial on your behalf
• Ask us to tag specific databases for the course you teach
• Useful to know of upcoming assignments that require significant research
Questions???

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