**Background**

In 1989, Dr. Rebecca Adams of UNCG took 21 students on a bus tour following the Grateful Dead community. Now, 30 years later, the course has evolved into an online Gerontology class titled “The Grateful Dead Legacy.” In the Spring of 2019, two UNCG librarians supported the course in a variety of ways, including helping to compile resources into a LibGuide, asynchronous online instruction, and participation in a one-day conference held at UNCG related to the course. The Gerontology librarian discussed the LibGuide as a resource for all interested, including alumni and students. This conference was part of a year long celebration of the Sixties at UNCG which included multiple events specifically focused on the Grateful Dead.

**Timeline**

- **July 2018:** Dr. Adams reaches out to librarians for assistance
- **Fall 2018 semester:** Planning for the course in the spring, including creation of LibGuide and formatting suggested sources in APA style
- **January 2019:** Development of an asynchronous instruction module for students to complete in Canvas
- **March and April 2019:** Consultations with students completing projects
- **April 2019:** Grateful Dead conference at UNCG

**Library Instruction**

A Canvas module was created to allow students to learn about library resources at their own pace. Finding books and articles, evaluating sources, and using information ethically were the main topics covered in the module.

Most students responded well to this format, and the average grade on the library assignment was an 83%.

**Challenges, Outcomes, and Future Directions**

Because neither librarian identifies as a “Deadhead,” this course presented a particular challenge. Fortunately, Dr. Adams provided most of the materials that appear on the bibliography, leaving only a moderate amount of research to be completed by librarians and interns.

Students and alumni seem happy with the resources compiled and have used the LibGuide often. An instructor in the department of Community & Therapeutic Recreation has expressed interest in collaborating with the Music librarian on a course in Spring 2020 related to Phish!

**View the LibGuide and Bibliography at uncg.libguides.com/gratefuldead**

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