

Talking Points Example: Undergraduates, Grad Students, and Post Docs

This document is designed to serve as an example to show what a talking points document might look like when preparing to meet with a group of students about their data use

Goals

- The library has a data services program, but wants to verify that their work is effective
- If not effective, how can they improve based on the research habits of their students
- You would like to see more students learning about data issues in other fields.

Background Info

- Increased use of the data services department is one of your mandates for the year
- You've been coordinating with professors to include real data sets in research coursework

Questions that need answering

- How do students use the library? Do they work with librarians?
- Are they aware of the data archives on campus?
- Do they engage with research in their academic work? In their professional work?
- Do they find the data easy/difficult to access? Are they able to understand it and work with it?
- Are they interested in learning more about data practices?