



## **Information Literacy Skills are the new Essential Skills in the Higher Education**

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### **Abstract**

In the light of today's information overload, technology explosion and accordingly, societies' rapid changes; new essential skills have been elevated to become the core of today's survival skills. In the same vein, these skills become the backbone of the higher educations' objectives.

These are the information literacy skills that are the results of both: technology explosion and information overload. These skills are needed in academia, work and everyday life. Recently, they have been recognized by the United Nations in 2006 to become one of the most essential citizens' rights in the new democratic societies.

This paper highlights the importance of the information literacy skills in today's societies after explaining what is meant by information literacy skills from different points of views. This paper also presents the most workable frameworks that are taking role in delivering the IL skills in different setting, such as, academia, and workplace.