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Online Self-Grading Assessments for Legal Research and Writing Courses

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   The chart below identifies free and subscription-based resources covering legal research and writing topics. It discusses only online resources with pre-built exercises and quizzes that provide instant feedback and explanations to students. The chart organizes the online resources into three broad subjects: legal research, legal writing, and legal citation.

   By assigning these resources, professors can assess student performance without increasing the professor's workload. Importantly, the time needed for students to complete any online exercise counts toward the required ABA instructional minutes and out-of-class minutes.

Legal Research			
Online Resource	**Content + Features**	**Student Access**	**Support**
Core Knowledge for Lawyers *Legal Research Demystified: A Step-by-Step Approach*[1] Carolina Academic Press https://coreknowledgeforlawyers.com	Has interactive exercises on researching common law and statutory issues on Westlaw and Lexis Advance. Each exercise guides students from start (research plan) to finish (validating authorities) of the research process for one fact pattern. Has over 150 multiple-choice questions on legal research, including sources of law, binding authority, and finding and updating tools for cases and statutes. Includes a research exam on a statutory issue to confirm mastery. Track class and individual student performance.	Students receive access to all online materials with the purchase of a new book. A standalone subscription for one year is $20 per student. The platform does not require a professor account or class code for students to use.	Teacher's Manual: Email Eric Voigt at evoigt@faulkner.edu

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[1] Full Disclosure: I have authored all the legal research content on Core Knowledge for Lawyers that maps to *Legal Research Demystified*.

	Although the content maps to *Legal Research Demystified*, it could be used with other 1L research books. Note: The authors of *The Complete Legal Writer* will add to Core Knowledge about 30 multiple-choice questions on research concepts. Their subscription package is discussed below under the "Legal Writing" heading.		
Legal Research			
Online Resource	**Content + Features**	**Student Access**	**Support**
Lexis Learn https://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool/lnmo/p/lexislearnmyclasses_pp.aspx	Has pre-made video modules on legal research, including how to research statutes, regulations, cases, transactional and litigation materials, and legislative history. Students perform legal research while watching a video and then answer the questions embedded in each video. Track individual student performance on each module.	Students with a Lexis Advance account receive free access. Lexis Learn requires students to enroll in a professor's class to use.	Introduction: https://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool/contents/b/contents/archive/2016/08/18/lexis-174-learn.aspx FAQs: https://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool/lnmo/p/facultyhelp.aspx#general

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Online Resource	**Content + Features**	**Student Access**	**Support**
CALI Lessons https://www.cali.org	Has over 150 tutorials on legal research, including state-specific lessons for almost all 50 states. To view the most popular lessons, visit www.cali.org/zeitgeist. Track individual student performance through LessonLink, which creates a unique URL that professors provide to students. Run any lesson "live" during an online class through LessonLive.	Students receive free access to all lessons if enrolled in a CALI-member school.	LessonLink FAQs: https://www.cali.org/faq-page/313-0 LessonLive FAQs: https://www.cali.org/faq/16655
Legal Writing			
Online Resource	**Content + Features**	**Student Access**	**Support**
Core Grammar for Lawyers Carolina Academic Press https://coregrammarforlawyers.com	Includes teaching lessons on general and law-specific grammar, punctuation, style, and citation skills. Has interactive exercises on grammar skills taught through lessons. Includes a pre-test to establish prior knowledge and a post-test to confirm mastery. Track class and individual student performance.	A one-year subscription is $38 per student. The platform does not require a professor account or class code for students to use.	Introduction: https://coregrammarforlawyers.com/faculty FAQs: https://coregrammarforlawyers.com/technical-faq

Legal Writing			
Online Resource	**Content + Features**	**Student Access**	**Support**
Core Knowledge for Lawyers *The Complete Legal Writer* (2d ed.) Carolina Academic Press https://coreknowledgeforlawyers.com	Includes over 200 questions that reinforce key legal writing, research, and citation literacy concepts. Content maps to the second edition of *The Complete Legal Writer* and includes questions to help students learn new genres by studying the book's 27 samples. The research, editing, and feedback questions could be used with other textbooks. Track class and individual student performance.	Students receive access to all online materials with the purchase of a new book. A standalone subscription for one year is $20 per student. The platform does not require a professor account or class code for students to use.	Teacher's Manual: Email Alexa Chew at achew@unc.edu
Interactive Grammar and Usage Assessment West Academic www.westacademic.com/Interactive-Grammar-and-Usage-Assessment-9781642420647	Includes multiple-choice questions on sentence structure, verbs, and punctuation. Track class and individual student performance. Professors can add or delete questions.	A subscription is $25 per student. Institutional subscriptions to the West Academic Assessment platform are available. This platform does not require a professor account or class code for students to use.	Introduction: https://www.dropbox.com/s/lkew83hr417d88y/WAA%20Functionality.mp4?dl=0 Faculty Features: https://www.dropbox.com/s/ww2eedbgvnoal1n/WAA%20faculty%20side.mp4?dl=0

Legal Writing			
Online Resource	**Content + Features**	**Student Access**	**Support**
Connected Quizzing Wolters Kluwer https://www.wklegaledu.com/CQ	Includes multiple-choice questions on common grammar errors, sentence structure, verbs, and punctuation. Track class and individual student performance.	A subscription is $29 per student but only $15 when bundled with a new WK textbook. It requires students to enroll in a professor's class to use.	Introduction: https://www.wklegaledu.com/programs/assessment
CALI Lessons https://www.cali.org	Has over 25 tutorials on legal writing, including case briefing, rule synthesis, statutory interpretation, and using IRAC. To view the most popular lessons, visit www.cali.org/zeitgeist. Track individual student performance through LessonLink, which creates a unique URL that professors provide to students. Run any lesson "live" during an online class through LessonLive.	Students receive free access to all lessons if enrolled in a CALI-member school.	LessonLink FAQs: https://www.cali.org/faq-page/313-0 LessonLive FAQs: https://www.cali.org/faq/16655
Legal Citation			
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Interactive Citation Workstation (ICW) LexisNexis https://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool/contents/b/contents/archive/2016/08/19/interactive-citation-workstation-icw-and-interactive-citation-workbook.aspx	Includes interactive exercises on legal citations (basic and advanced questions). The exercises cover Bluebook rules and ALWD rules. The explanations cite the relevant Bluebook or ALWD rules.	Students with a Lexis Advance account receive free access. The platform does not require students to enroll in a professor's class to use.	Introduction: https://help.lexisnexis.com/tabula-rasa/newlexis/icwpodescriptionsprofessor_cpt-concept?lbu=US&locale=en_US&audience=all,res,urlapi,shep,lpa,lps,med,pub,vsa,lsa,cb,icw,tax

	It flags questions answered incorrectly by 25% or more of students. Track individual student performance.		
Legal Citation			
Online Resource	**Content + Features**	**Student Access**	**Support**
Interactive Legal Citation Assessment West Academic https://www.westacademic.com/Interactive-Legal-Citation-Assessment-9781642429886-2	Includes multiple-choice questions on legal citations (basic and advanced questions). The exercises cover only Bluebook rules. The explanations cite the relevant Bluebook rules. Track class and individual student performance.	A subscription is $25 per student. Institutional subscriptions to the West Academic Assessment platform are available. The platform does not require a professor account or class code for students to use.	Introduction: https://www.dropbox.com/s/lkew83hr417d88y/WAA%20Functionality.mp4?dl=0 Faculty Features: https://www.dropbox.com/s/ww2eedbgvnoal1n/WAA%20faculty%20side.mp4?dl=0
Mastering The Bluebook Interactive Exercises Carolina Academic Press https://masteringthebluebook.com	Includes interactive exercises on legal citations (basic and advanced questions). The exercises cover only Bluebook rules. The explanations cite the relevant Bluebook rules. Has a citation exam to confirm mastery, and professors can modify the exam. Track class and individual student performance.	A one-year subscription is $27 per student. The platform does not require a professor account or class code for students to use.	Introduction: https://masteringthebluebook.com/faculty FAQs: https://masteringthebluebook.com/support