

A New Curriculum for Information Literacy

Strategies for Implementing ANCIL at Cambridge

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A New Curriculum for Information Literacy (ANCIL)

Information Literacy is:

- a continuum of skills, abilities, values and attitudes around analysing, evaluating, managing and assimilating information
- fundamental to the ongoing development of the individual, social as well as academic

ANCIL: Ethos

Holistic – supporting the whole research process

Modular – ongoing ‘building blocks’ forming a learning spiral

Embedded within the context of the academic discipline

Flexible – not tied to a specific staff role

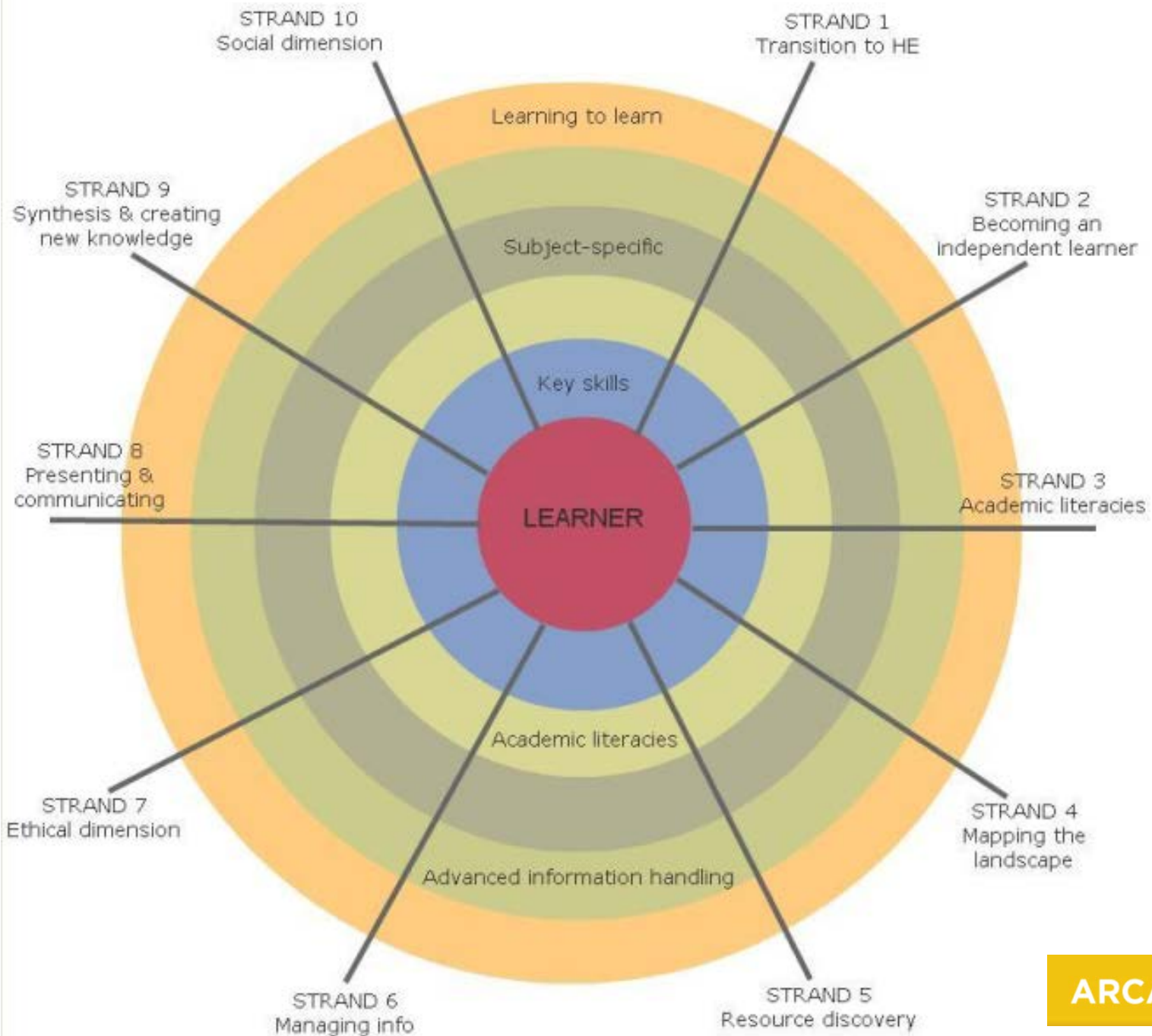
Active and assessed – including peer assessment

ANCIL: Strands

1. Transition from school to higher education
2. Becoming an independent learner
3. Developing academic literacies
4. Mapping and evaluating the information landscape
5. Resource discovery in your discipline
6. Managing information
7. Ethical dimension of information
8. Presenting and communicating knowledge
9. Synthesising information and creating new knowledge
10. Social dimension of information literacy

ANCIL: Bands

- The strands cover 5 broad learning categories, from functional skills up to high-level intellectual operations
 - Key skills
 - Developing academic literacies
 - Subject specific competencies
 - Advanced information handling
 - Learning to learn



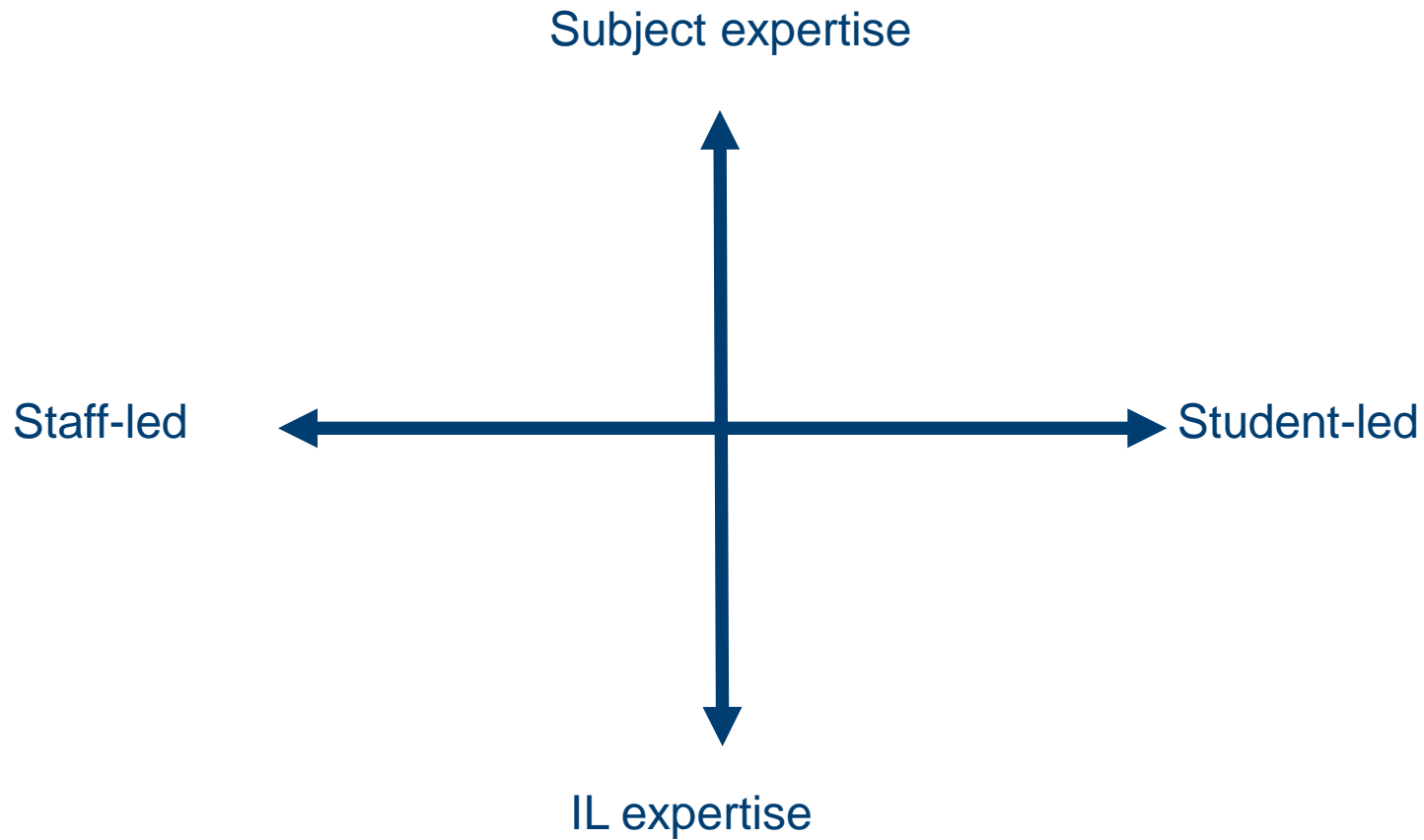
ANCIL at Cambridge



Research questions:

- Who might be involved in delivery or support in some capacity at Cambridge?
- What modes of delivery might there be (levels and formats)?
- **What existing provision could be enhanced, and where might provision need to be changed or created in addition?**
- **What are the barriers and how might they be overcome?**
- **What support might be needed?**
- How might engagement be encouraged (incl. communication strategy)?
- How can longevity and sustainability be ensured (incl. maintenance and change)?

Deliverables:



Cambridge

scope

develop/pilo

strategy/res
ources

Other

scope

develop/pilo

strategy/res
ources

Generic and transferable

- Audit tool
- Bank of resources and training materials