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Key Resources

Periodical (Articles) Databases To Try First:

Academic Search Complete

Provides a comprehensive scholarly, multi-disciplinary database with full-text, peer-reviewed journals, as well as indexing and abstracts for monographs, reports, conference proceedings, etc. The database features PDF content going back as far as 1887, and searchable cited references for nearly 1,000 journals.

MasterFILE Premier

Provides access to general periodicals covering business, education, health, science and more, reference books including the World Almanac & Book of Facts, biographies, primary source documents, Magill Book Reviews, as well as an image collection of photos, maps and flags.

LexisNexis Academic

Provides full-text documents from business, legal, medical, and reference publications with a variety of flexible search options. Consult [LexisNexis Help](#) pages.

Newspaper Source Plus

Provides access to national and international newspapers, many cover-to-cover full-text. In addition, full-text television & radio news transcripts are provided from ABC News, CBS News, CNN, CNN International, FOX News, National Public Radio (NPR), etc.

Humanities International Complete

Provides full text of hundreds of journals, books and other published sources from around the world. This database includes all data from Humanities International Index plus unique full text content, much of which is not found in other databases.

ERIC

Provides access to information from journals included in the Current Index of Journals in Education and Resources in Education Index. ERIC provides full text of digests along with references for additional information and citations and abstracts from educational and education-related journals.

Environment Complete

Covers applicable areas of agriculture, ecosystem ecology, energy, renewable energy sources, natural resources, marine & freshwater science, geography, pollution & waste management, environmental technology, environmental law, public policy, social impacts, urban planning, and more from domestic and international titles going back to the 1940s.

SPORTDiscus with Full Text

Offers comprehensive, bibliographic and full text coverage of sport, fitness and related disciplines. Allows a maximum of 4 users at a time.

Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition

Provides indexing, abstracts, and scholarly full text journals focusing on many medical disciplines, with particularly strong coverage of nursing and allied health. Also includes drug patient education sheets from Lexi-PAL Drug Guide.

Military & Government Collection

Offers current news pertaining to all branches of the military through a collection of periodicals, academic journals and other content.

PsycINFO

Contains citations and summaries of scholarly journal articles, book chapters, books, and dissertations, all in psychology and related disciplines, mostly peer-reviewed. Journal coverage includes international material in foreign languages. NOTE: The EBSCO version of this database is no longer available.

Business Source Complete

Provides comprehensive coverage of the most important scholarly journals for all business disciplines, and author profiles. Also includes financial data, books, monographs, major reference works, book digests, conference proceedings, case studies, investment research reports, industry reports, market research reports, country reports, company profiles, SWOT analyses and more.

Criminal Justice Abstracts with Full Text

Contains indexes and summaries of international journal articles, books, and governmental and non-governmental reports on a wide range of topics in criminal justice.

Science Direct

Indexes high-quality, peer-reviewed research journals in the sciences and includes links to many full text articles.

Electronic Reference Book Collections:

Gale Virtual Reference Library

Contains encyclopedias and specialized reference sources for multidisciplinary research. For some titles there may be a more recent edition in print format.

Oxford Reference Online: Premium Collection

Contains dictionary, language reference, and subject reference works published by Oxford University Press, plus more detailed information across a broad subject range from titles in the world-renowned Oxford Companions Series.

Knovel Library

Includes leading reference works and databases from international publishers and professional societies, covering material properties, process and design information, best practices, and equations and formulations for specific industries and engineering disciplines.

AccessScience

Contains the online version of the McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science & Technology, as well as research updates, definitions, illustrations and graphics, bibliographies, biographies of well-known scientists, and the latest news in science and technology.

Safari Books Online

Provides an e-reference library containing collections of emerging technology books, manuscripts, papers and instructional video, geared towards IT, software developers, web designers, system administrators and creative pros. Allows a maximum of 3 users at a time.

Books Series on Contemporary Issues

Each of these book titles will lead you to individual titles on various contemporary issues. Click on the series title links to take you to the corresponding title records.

Sage Reference Online

Provides access to 47 reference books published by SAGE covering the social sciences and education, including such areas as African American Studies, Aged & Gerontology, Anthropology, Communication and Media Studies, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Economics, Education, Gender & Sexuality Studies, History, Politics, Psychology, Social Issues, Social Work & Social Policy, and Sociology.

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Each title represents a series of books on contemporary issues. Click on a title link to take you to the corresponding records in the library catalog.

At Issue

Presents opposing arguments on a range of controversial topics. Examples include alcohol abuse, bulimia, and cloning.

Current Controversies

Each title includes excerpts from articles, newspapers, books, and government publications. Examples include civil liberties, developing nations, and homosexuality.

Contemporary World Issues

Each title on a current issue summarizes the main issue and includes a chronology, biographies, and relevant statistics. Examples include topics on DNA technology, sexual health, and climate change.

Contemporary Issues

Each title provides an overview of the popular issue and includes personal narratives and case studies. Examples of titles are gun control debate, affirmative action, and sexual harassment.

Contemporary Issues Companion

Includes fewer volumes in this series on popular issues such as steroids, genetic engineering, and diabetes.

Opposing Viewpoints

Titles are in a pro/con format and focus on a different topic. Topics explored include the achievement gap, endangered oceans, and the fashion industry.

The Reference Shelf

Each title contains articles or reprints on a contemporary issue. Examples of titles include water supply, world hunger, and alternative energy.

Health Reference Series

Titles include information on current health research. Examples on topics are Alzheimer's, sleep disorders, and AIDS.

Sources for Topic/Claim Development:

CQ Researcher Online

Offers in-depth, non-biased coverage of political and social issues. Published many times a year, each single-themed report includes a background and chronology; an assessment of the current situation; tables and maps; pro/con statements from representatives of opposing positions and more. Note: If asked for a username and password, they are odu and library, respectively.

Idea Generator

Explore broad topics by category. Also includes links to other University "hot topics" resources.

ProCon.Org

Pros and cons of controversial issues. The organization is an independent, nonpartisan, 501(c)(3) nonprofit public charity.

New York Times Topics

Links to NY times articles by topic. Explore topics such as Global Warming, Facebook, Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, etc. Included are all the news, reference and archival information, photos, graphics, audio and video files published back to 1981.

Public Agenda

Public Agenda is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization. Immigration debate, bullying, and rising college costs are but a few of the topics that are explored. Included are nonpartisan issue guides – created under a Creative Commons copyright to allow sharing of information - for facts and figures, different perspectives and analysis of public attitudes.

Brookings Policy Briefs

These briefs are written by the Brookings Institution, an independent, nonprofit public policy research organization (Think Tank). The briefs are a short and informative analysis that cover topics such as housing, energy and climate change, and education.

The Pew Research Center for the People and the Press

The Center provides opinion research polls on politics and major policy issues dating from 1989 to the present. Survey results are free and datasets can be downloaded back to 1997.

Congressional Research Service (CRS) Reports

Contains over 2200 full text reports on environmental and related topics. The CRS, part of the Library of Congress, prepares its reports for the U.S. Congress. The National Council for Science and the Environment is committed to expanding, maintaining and updating its database of reports, making them available and searchable for the public.

Frontline

A PBS program offers in-depth discussion on controversial topics such as war on terror, digital nation, and the financial crisis.

Social Issues and Social Welfare - IPL2

A list of internet resources from the Internet Public Library and Librarian's Internet Index. Over 270 resources are included in topic areas such as terrorism, poverty, housing, and animal rights.

Infomine

Infomine is a library of internet resources built by librarians from Universities and Colleges throughout the United States. You can search by keyword or subject category.

Government Resources

Government Information Resources

The library's web links to federal, state and local, and international agencies and websites with how-to guides, reports, and links to statistical information.

Congressional Digest

Each issue is devoted to one topic with pro/con opinions from the congressional members. Available full text in **Academic Search Complete**. Add Congressional Digest to the search box and change the field to SO Journal Name.

American FactFinder

Contains population, housing, economic, and geographic data from the Decennial Census, Economic Census, American Community Survey (ACS), and Population Estimates Program of the U.S. Census Bureau.

Statistical Abstract of the United States

Contains a collection of statistics on social and economic conditions in the United States. Selected international data are also included. The Abstract is also your Guide to Sources of other data from the Census Bureau, other Federal agencies, and private organizations.

Search Tips

To refresh your memory and learn more about search strategy, truncation, wildcards, Boolean searching, phrase searching, limiters, etc. click [here](#).

Finding Pro/Con Articles

Here is a list of words that will sometimes retrieve useful articles when combined with your topic. For example: climate control AND misleading.

deceptive	distorted
ethical	exaggerated
harmful	inaccurate
misleading	mistaken
myth	outdated
proven	unethical

Other Information

The [library catalog](#) helps you find books, periodicals, audio & video recordings, government publications, these and dissertations, and conference papers owned by the ODU Libraries.

To evaluate a website use [The Internet Detective](#) as a guide.

To see how to use MLA, APA, Turabian and other citation styles, [click here](#).

To see if we own a journal either in print or in full-text electronically, visit our [Find Journals & Newspapers page](#). Type in the journal title in the search box to find out.

Template for Taking Notes

An example of how to keep track of your readings with citation, keywords, and annotation.

Evaluating Information - Applying the CRAAP Test

Keep this criteria in mind when determining if the information you have is reliable. The criteria was developed by the Meriam Library at California State University, Chico.

Subject Guides

Guides listed by various disciplines provided by ODU's subject librarians. A chat box is provided on each guide to converse directly to the librarian.

EndNote and EndNote Web

EndNote is a tool for acquiring, organizing and managing citations. ODU provides this tool free-of-charge to faculty, staff and students. This webpage gives you instruction on how to use the program.

Academic Phrasebook

From the University of Manchester, gives examples of commonly used phrases for academic writing.

Visuwords

A web based graphical dictionary to help find synonyms and related terms.

Webspiration

A free concept mapping site to help you brainstorm and outline your ideas and topics.

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