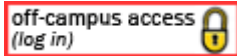


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- [Library Worksheet Part 2: due at the end of class today \(May 1\)](#)

Getting Started

- [Campus Library web page](#)
- [Connecting from Home](#) - connect to *UW restricted* databases from off campus. Try this [tutorial!](#)
- [Document Delivery/Interlibrary Loan](#)
- [Library photo tour on Flickr](#)
- [Electronic Reserves](#) - requires UWNetID
- [Blackboard](#)

Helpful Links

- [Citing sources](#) and [RefWorks](#)
- [Evaluating Sources](#)
- [UWB Writing Center](#)
- [UWB Quantitative Skills Center](#)
- [Ulrich's Periodicals Directory](#) - *UW restricted*
- [Tocqueville website](#)

Finding Books, Articles & more

Before you begin, try this short [tutorial](#) on connecting to UW Restricted databases from off-campus

Useful [Research 101](#) tutorials include: [Info Cycle](#) , [Searching](#) and [Citations](#) - but I also highly recommend doing the whole thing!

Books and Films

- [UW Libraries Catalog](#) - Contains over 6 million titles held by more than 20 branches of the UW Libraries. Requested items arrive in 2-5 business days.
 - [Video search](#)

- [Summit Catalog](#) - Access over 22 million books, sound recordings, films, video tapes, and more. Current UWB students may request items from this catalog and items take about 3-5 business days to arrive.
- [Worldcat Local](#) - Search locally and worldwide; includes selected articles from magazines, and journals in education and medicine.

Reference Books- finding background information

- [Gale Virtual Reference Library](#) *UW restricted* - Library of online encyclopedias spanning many disciplines.
- [Oxford Reference Online](#) *UW restricted* - Online collection of dictionaries and encyclopedias.
- [More online reference tools](#)

Articles

- **General/Interdisciplinary Databases**
 - [Academic Search Complete](#) *UW restricted* Scholarly and popular sources
 - [Expanded Academic ASAP](#) *UW restricted* Scholarly and popular sources
 - [Google Scholar](#) (*UW restricted*) [Google Scholar Search Tips](#)
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Additional Resources

- [Government Publications links](#)
- [Current News Databases](#)
- [Core documents of U.S. democracy](#)
- [U.S. Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor](#)
- [Polling the nations the ultimate survey database](#) (1986+) *UW restricted*
A database of polls taken on a variety of subjects all over the world.
- [Statistics Sources](#)
- [U.S. Statistical Abstracts, from 1878+](#)

Library workshops

Workshop 2 - Finding and Using Scholarly Sources (books and articles) and fine-tuning your topic

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Specialized Research databases for scholarly articles

- [ERIC](#) *UW restricted* - education - [Worksheet](#)
- [Environmental Sciences and Pollution Management](#) *UW restricted* - [Worksheet](#)
- [JSTOR](#) *UW restricted* - multidisciplinary - [Worksheet](#)
- [PAIS International](#) *UW restricted* - policy and political science - [Worksheet](#)
- [Sociological Abstracts](#) *UW restricted* - [Worksheet](#)

[More General and Interdisciplinary Research Databases](#)

[Books: UW Libraries Catalog and Summit Catalog](#)

About Scholarly Sources

[Ulrich's periodicals directory](#) - *UW restricted*

This database can help you determine if a journal is considered scholarly, and if it has a "peer review" process. Keep in mind though that not all articles published in scholarly journals are themselves scholarly - your database searches may also turn up book reviews, editorials or short opinion articles. Keep reading if you want some tips on identifying scholarly articles (and books).

Your assignment requires that you draw upon research that's been done on your topic area (in addition to news reporting, popular magazines, general info from the web, etc.) This can come from academic books, scholarly journals, government agencies or research institutes. Researchers are often affiliated with universities, but also work for governments (local, state, national) or independent research institutes.

- the main purpose of these kinds of sources is to report on the author's original research or experimentation in order to make such information available to other researchers
- author(s) cite their sources in the form of footnotes or bibliographies
- author is a scholar or expert in the field
- the language is typically that of the discipline(s) covered
- usually assume that the reader has some prior knowledge of the topic or problem
- many scholarly journal articles are "peer reviewed" or "refereed". To be accepted for publication in a given journal the author of an article must submit his or her article to be reviewed, usually anonymously, by a panel of experts in the field

Often, the difference between scholarly/research publications and other types of secondary sources (magazines, newspapers, etc.) is that the former contain extensive footnotes and/or endnotes that document how and why the author makes the claims that s/he does -- and what the limits of those claims are. While both types of publications tend to present you with lots of interesting (or uninteresting) information, only scholarly publications let you in on the secret of how that information was created by revealing the disagreements among "experts" as they research similar questions. This advantage of reading scholarly publications is that they allow you to enter into the creative process of knowledge making by treating you as a fellow researcher who may want to extend, modify, and/or criticize the claims made in what you are reading.

Workshop 1 - Selecting and focusing a topic; background research

Hot Topics/Issues links

- [Facts.com](#) - (*UWB/CCC on campus access only*)
 - You can keyword search, or browse topics or pro/con issues
- [On the Issues.org](#)
- [New York Times: Election Issues](#)
- [Pew Research Center: Election Issues](#)
- [CNN Election Issues](#)
- [Almanac of Policy Issues](#)
- [Pro Con.org](#)
- [CQ Politics: Issues](#)
- [CQ Researcher](#) *UW restricted*

Worksheet links:

- [Current News Databases - Worksheet](#)
- Subject Encyclopedias and other background sources:
 - [Gale Virtual Reference Library](#) *UW restricted* [Worksheet](#)
 - [CQ Researcher](#) *UW restricted* [Worksheet](#)
 - [UW Libraries Catalog - Worksheet](#)

Additional Resources

- [Congressional Digest](#) *UW restricted*
 - Great source for pro/con debates and legislative summaries
- [Facts.com](#) - (*UWB/CCC on campus access only*) Recent and historical news summaries
- [U.S. History and Culture \(print and online encyclopedias\)](#)
- [Policy and Government \(print and online encyclopedias\)](#)
- [Google](#), and other websites:
 - [Election 2008 websites](#)
 - [Election 2008 Issues and links](#)
 - [Elections and practical politics](#)
- [IAS Faculty Info: are there faculty you could contact for advice on your project?](#)
- You can also search the research databases listed above under "Articles"

Contact Sarah

Contact me with questions about how to find information on your paper topic! You can call, e-mail or IM me.

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[More ways to get help](#) - including the UW Libraries 24/7 online reference service

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