Using Library Resources for Effective Online Teaching

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Liberty University’s Information Literacy Standards
Information Literacy is a General Education Core Competency

Students should be able to:

• Determine the nature and extent of information needed.
• Collect or retrieve and evaluate the information that is appropriate to the academic level or discipline.
• Demonstrate knowledge of the economic, legal, and social issues surrounding the use of information.
• Access and use information legally and ethically.
• Use, individually or as a member of a group, information effectively to accomplish a specific purpose.
Start at the Library Page

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OR Quicklinks and choose Library
Online Library Services

- The library staff aspires to meet the information needs of our customers. We want to help you become a self-sufficient library user so that you can readily find the materials you need on any occasion.
- There is a full-time Liberty Online Librarian available weekdays by phone or email.
- During evening and weekend hours, you may also contact our Call Center and Customer Service Center. The staff there will help you select the appropriate databases to use for your topic and show you how to develop searches.
Online Library Services

• We won’t do your research for you, but our staff will gladly help you learn how to retrieve sources on a particular topic or from a bibliography.
• For assistance in the process of writing your papers and citing your resources, contact the Online Writing Center. Many of our library databases provide suggested citations, but the library does not provide assistance in writing or editing papers.
• A variety of tutorials and guides are also available online to aid you.
This is the front page of Liberty’s InfoRM tutorial. (Information Resource Modules.) This is a self-paced tutorial to help students choose their topic, and find books, articles and websites. It also contains information on deciding about the types of resources to use and how to properly cite sources.
The ILRC provides books, journal articles, and other resources needed for research in your online courses. In order to access the databases containing these resources, you will need to log into EZProxy if you are off-campus using your Liberty username and password.
How does EZ Proxy work?

If a student tries to directly access a database, it either won’t provide access or will try to charge them for the book or article.
How does EZ Proxy work?

By using EZProxy, a “tunnel” is created between the distant student and Liberty, and their request appears to be coming from Liberty.
How does EZ Proxy work?

IMPORTANT NOTE: IF YOU USE VPN (VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORK) TO ACCESS OTHER CAMPUS SERVICES YOU WON’T BE ABLE TO ACCESS EZPROXY AND VICE VERSA. YOU CAN ONLY LOG INTO ONE OR THE OTHER AT ONE TIME!
Creating Proxied Links

SOME DATABASES ALLOW YOU TO SEND A LINK TO A PARTICULAR ARTICLE. THESE LINKS MUST INCLUDE AN EZPROXY PREFIX OR THEY WON’T WORK OFF CAMPUS. EBSCOHOST DATABASES AUTOMATICALLY ADD THIS PREFIX. OTHER DATABASES USUALLY NEED THE PREFIX ADDED MANUALLY. DON’T JUST COPY THE WEB ADDRESS FROM YOUR BROWSER!
Proxied Links


Liberty unbound: how Jerry Falwell's ambitious sons have led the Lynchburg university to financial success and a burgeoning student body

Authors: Kennedy, John W.
Source: Christianity Today 53:40-44 Sep 2009
ISSN: 00095753
Subjects: LIBERTY UNIVERSITY
FALWELL, JERRY, JR.
FALWELL, JONATHAN
The **Summon** discovery tool is a good place to begin. This tool conducts a broad search of all our databases as well as our library catalog. If you desire, these searches can be limited to items that are available online.
Search Results: Your search for **online education** returned **1,249,037** results

**Recommendation:** We found one or more specialized collections that might help you.
- **ERIC** - Online digital library of education research and information
- **Education Research Complete**

**Online education**

by Anonymous
Technology & Learning, ISSN 1053-6728, 03/2011, Volume 31, Issue 8, p. 18
...66% of U.S. universities offer courses online. In 2014 (projection), 3.55 million students will take all their classes online. Number of students who took... Online education. Forecasts and trends. Statistics

[Journal Article: Full Text Online]

**Online education**

by Mendenhall, Robert W
Change, ISSN 0009-1383, 07/2009, Volume 41, Issue 4, p. 8
...In his article “Online Education: The Revolution that Wasn’t” (Change, May/June 2009), William Doyle points out that 3.9 million students (over 40 percent...  

[Journal Article: Full Text Online]

**Online education**

Paraplegia News, ISSN 0031-1765, 05/2012, Volume 66, Issue 5, p. 44
...Medical professionals and clinicians have a new place to visit online to help further their education in urology health. UroMed and Dorland Health have teamed... Online education, Multiple sclerosis, Health education, Medical test kit industry, Medical equipment and supplies industry

[Journal Article: Full Text Online]
Finding Journal Articles

• Never pay for journal articles! We likely either have them in one of our databases, OR we can obtain them from another library.

• **ARTICLES** are found in ➔ **JOURNALS** ➔ that are **INDEXED** in **DATABASES**

• You can search for articles one of two ways – by **TOPIC** using the appropriate DATABASE and search strategy (Boolean operators / truncation, etc.)

• OR by **CITATION** – You use **JOURNAL FINDER** to determine which DATABASE contains the JOURNAL with the article you’re looking for. Then you search within that JOURNAL for some unique terms.
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Type in the name of the journal you are looking for. This will show which, if any, of our databases contain that journal. Note that it says “Title begins with...” If you are not sure, but know some unique words, you can search for “Title contains the words...”
Quaker studies (1363-013X)
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from 09/01/2000 to 3 months ago in Religion & Philosophy Collection
from 09/01/2008 to present in ProQuest Central
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So in the DATABASE Academic Search Complete, in the JOURNAL named Quaker Studies, we looked for any articles by the author we knew Michael Graves and there was only one result.
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Core Christianity: what is Christianity all about?

Author: Elmer I. Towns
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Edition/Format: Book. English
Database: WorldCat.org
Summary: In Core Christianity, Dr. Elmer Towns addresses many of these problems that skew public opinion of the Christian worldview. Taking the Bible at face value, Dr. Towns explains Christianity’s basic concepts, beginning with the premise that Christianity revolves around a Person—Jesus Christ. Then chapter-by-chapter, he builds a coherent and consistent case so that readers correctly understand what Christianity is all about.

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• Could you do the assignment you assigned?
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• An information literate person should learn to evaluate the quality of websites they discover.
• However, many faculty want students to only use our library subscription databases so they know they have higher quality sources.
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- Peer-reviewed journal articles

Students searching multi-disciplinary databases may find all of the above in their results list.

Help them to make sense of the various types of information they’ll find!
Primary vs. Secondary Sources

• “Primary sources provide first-hand testimony or direct evidence concerning a topic under investigation. They are created by witnesses or recorders who experienced the events or conditions being documented. Often these sources are created at the time when the events or conditions are occurring, but primary sources can also include autobiographies, memoirs, and oral histories recorded later.” (Yale University definition)
• Usually, these deal with historical topics, but they don’t have to be “ancient” history.
SCHOLARLY PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

- Written by scholars for scholars.
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- Often present original, empirical studies.
- Not all “scholarly” articles use a “peer-review” process (especially in theology).
- So don’t necessarily use the term “peer-reviewed” if you only mean that you want “high quality” sources.
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