Welcome!

RESEARCH
BOOTCAMP
for Research & Teaching Assistants and Graduate Students
CORE SKILLS

• The research process
• Getting started
• Researching for the literature review
• Writing the literature review
• Citation management
• Copyright and the curriculum
LOGISTICS, 1

- Three (3) sites: Halifax, Saint John, Truro
- Double-check room information closely
- Please read reminder emails carefully
- Sign in at each session you attend
- Please withdraw from sessions you can no longer attend
LOGISTICS, 2

• Please fill out a feedback form for each session. You can also direct any immediate comments/issues to lindsay.mcniff@dal.ca

• Laptops are recommended at all sessions (except those held in computer labs)

• Online sessions can be accessed via a link, which will be emailed to you the day before
LOGISTICS, 3

- In CHEB 170, the slides are displayed on the side screens.
- Session exercises during and after will be available at dal.ca.libguides.com/ResearchBootcamp/Slides_Exercises.
- Some (not all) sessions will be recorded.
- Snacks are served at the Core Skills sessions only.
THANKS!

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- Elaine MacInnis, Associate University Librarian, Library Services
- Marlo MacKay, Communications Coordinator, Dal Libraries
- Carol Richardson, Administrative Assistant, Killam Library
- All Bootcamp instructors from Dal Libraries, the Writing Centre, the Atlantic Research Data Centre, and ACENET
- Brian Fisher and James Wilson, MedIT
Core Skills 1: Getting started
Lindsay McNiff, Learning & Instruction Librarian
Liaison librarian for the School of Information Management, the English Department, and the Centre for Learning & Teaching
CORE SKILLS 1: GETTING STARTED

• Library resources overview – how to find things and get help
• Planning for research
• General tips
SERVICES AT DAL LIBRARIES

• Research support
  • Finding, evaluating, organizing, managing
  • Liaison librarians

• Document delivery (or, getting free things from other universities)

• Course support (for TAs)
  • Instruction
  • Course reserves
RESEARCH SUPPORT

IN-PERSON
• Drop by the reference desk
• Make an appointment with your librarian

REMOTE
• Email or call the reference desk
• Email or call your librarian
• Try Live Help chat
• Check out our Subject guides
Key databases for English

- MLA International Bibliography: Updated ten times per year. Indexes critical materials on literature, criticism, drama, languages, linguistics, and folklore. Provides access to citations from over 4,400 journals, series, books, essay collections, working papers, proceedings, dissertations, and bibliographies. Produced by the Modern Language Association.
- JSTOR: JSTOR is an online collection of academic journals in all fields.
- Project MUSE: Access to over 350 humanities and social sciences journals from over 50 scholarly publishers.
- Her Bibliography: Covers all literature pertaining to the Middle Ages and Renaissance (450-1700). Citations for monographs, journal articles, reviews, reviews articles, bibliographies, catalogues, abstracts and bibliographies are included.
- International Medieval Bibliography: Indexes articles, memoirs, and similar literature on medieval subjects. In journals, Fechtschriften, conference proceedings, and collected essays on all aspects of medieval studies within the date range of 400 to 1600 for Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa.
- Arts and Humanities Citation Index:
- Part of Web of Science citation databases: covers over 1,140 journals.
- Academic Search Premier: is a very useful tool for finding scholarly articles on any academic topic, including anything that falls under the umbrella of English studies.
- Periodicals Archive Online: Archive of hundreds of digitized journals published in the arts, humanities, and social sciences.

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Quick Links

- Handout: Getting started with the Dal Libraries
- Register your Dal card

If you register online, your registration will be processed within about 24 hours. You can also visit one of the libraries in person, and your card will be registered on the spot.
INSTRUCTION

Your subject liaison can provide instruction to students in small groups or during labs/tutorials.

Direct your students to the Subject Guide for your discipline.

COURSE RESERVES

Libraries -> Locations & Services -> Course Reserves for Faculty

Using the forms below, Faculty members have the option to:

1. Submit a course reading list and have library staff create persistent URLs to as many of the readings as possible. (Faculty will be notified of materials that require traditional Library Reserve or copyright clearance.)
2. Place materials on traditional Library Reserve in one of the five Dalhousie Libraries

We have redesigned and simplified the online reserve readings submission form.
Give it a try: New Reserve Materials Submission form
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• Obvious issues with dubious and biased information
• “is not an information retrieval algorithm” (Safiya Noble)
• often asks you to pay for scholarly articles. DON’T DO THAT!
• Good! ✓
• But not the only place you should look when doing serious research.
DATABASES

Subject specific

Multidisciplinary, such as

- Academic Search Premier (Ebsco)
- Research Library (ProQuest)
- ScienceDirect
- Scopus
- Web of Science
- Google Scholar

Images: [Arrested Development Wiki](#) and [Telegraph UK](#)
Do you know the key databases for your discipline?
HOW TO FIND THE RIGHT DATABASE

• A-Z databases list; filter for subject
• Find the Subject Guide for your discipline, and visit the “Find articles” or “Databases” page.
Accessing Full Text

1. Exploring impulse purchasing of wine in the online environment.
   Subjects: WINE & wine making; ONLINE shopping; INTERNET sales; IMPULSE buying; STIMULUS & response (Psychology); UNITED States; Mail-Order Houses; Electronic Shopping; Electronic shopping and mail-order houses; Beer, Wine, and Liquor Stores; Wineries; Alcoholic beverage merchant wholesalers

2. System design effects on online impulse buying.
   Subjects: IMPULSE buying; RESEARCH; INTERNET industry; ONLINE shopping -- Research; CONSUMER behavior -- Research; WEB design; CONSUMERS -- Attitudes -- Research; INTERNET marketing -- Research; PURCHASING; Computer systems design and related services (except video game design and development); Electronic shopping and mail-order houses; Electronic Shopping; Mail-Order Houses; SOCIAL aspects; PSYCHOLOGICAL aspects

3. The post-purchase communication strategies for supporting online impulse buying.
   Subjects: COGNITIVE dissonance; COMMUNICATION; CUSTOMER satisfaction; INTERNET; SHOPPING; Wired Telecommunications Carriers; Internet Publishing and Broadcasting and Web Search Portals

4. EFFECTS OF PRICE DISCOUNTS AND BONUS PACKS ON ONLINE IMPULSE BUYING.
   Subjects: IMPULSE buying; RESEARCH; ONLINE shopping; SALES promotion; PREMIUMs (Retail trade); DISCOUNT; COLLEGE students as consumers; COLLEGE students; Mail-Order Houses; Electronic shopping and mail-order houses; Electronic Shopping; CHINA
Try any of these. If one doesn’t work, try the next one!
We don’t have an electronic copy

Options for electronic Full text
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- Check Dalhousie’s Catalogue

Holdings available in paper
- Holdings in Dalhousie’s Catalogue

Document delivery
- Request item via Document Delivery

Citation
- Save citation information and URL for embedding in a course or web page
- Download Record into RefWorks Direct Export Tool

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NON-ACADEMIC SOURCES

• Newspaper databases: Eureka.cc, Factiva, LexisNexis

• Site searching Google
YOU CAN TARGET YOUR GOOGLE SEARCHES!

- **site:gc.ca** – Federal government (Canada)
- **site:gov.ns.ca** – Nova Scotia government
- **site:un.org** – United Nations
- **site:org** – non-profit, non-governmental organizations
- **site:gov** – Federal government (U.S.)
- **site:edu** – American educational institutions
- **site:mil** – U.S. military
IN CLOSING...

• Have you bookmarked your Subject Guide?

• Do you know who your liaison librarian is?

• Do you know how to find the key databases in your field?
Questions