INSTRUCTOR: Welcome to the using general and specialized resources presentation. The general resources are a collection of databases located on the home page of the University Library.

There are numerous resources available. Some options are choose databases by subject. View all databases alphabetically. And find a specific publication.

While reading, focus on general topic areas that provide access to specialized databases. The library resources column features options for finding specialized information in some broad content areas.

The general resources also consist of two main databases, EBSCO Host and ProQuest. Let’s start with EBSCO Host which provides full text access to nearly eight thousand periodicals including over four thousand peer reviewed journals. Information on EBSCO Host is from current authoritative journals, magazines, pamphlets, and newsletters.

Full text information is provided on a broad range of topics including business, current affairs, criminal justice, health, and multicultural issues. Some popular search options include basic search, advanced search, choose databases, full text, and scholarly peer reviewed journals.

Also another important option you have in EBSCO Host is the ability to choose a specific database by clicking choose databases.

To access the advanced search feature, click advanced search. From the advanced search screen, you can narrow or refine what articles are returned from the search. Some options include using search term limiters such as and, or, and not, and using search term fields.
like title, author, subject terms, and text. You can also specify parameters for full text or peer reviewed, publication date, and document type.

Once you complete your search in EBSCO Host, your next step is to access and use the results. Consider some important information on the results screen. The key word or search terms, the specific articles or items, and how to further narrow the results.

Now let’s see what ProQuest has to offer. ProQuest includes full text coverage of over nine thousand periodicals and over four thousand peer reviewed journals. Information found within ProQuest focuses on health and medicine, social science, science and technology, and others.

Basic searching in ProQuest can be limited to peer reviewed sources.

There are several methods for searching the ProQuest database. Begin a basic search by entering a keyword or phrase in the provided search box, clicking the search link or clicking one of the provided subject areas.

For a more specific search, enter a key word or phrase in the provided search box, click the advanced search link, or click one of the provided subject areas. You also have the option to limit your search to full text and peer reviewed materials.

The search subject areas option allows you to browse and search various subjects. Try choosing the health and medicine subject area. From here, you can either search in subject specific sub databases that are located in ProQuest, search and browse through subject related publications, or browse through featured content for your topic.

After completing your search, access and use the results. The results screen displays the search terms, the results, and the source type of each result by icon. Directly to the right of the results are links that list the source type, their corresponding icon, and how many items are available for that source.

Let’s move onto the specialized resources link. You’ll find a link for specialized resources in the library resource list. Click on specialized resources to reveal a menu with several specialized resource options that focus on specific topics using specific database types.

Hover over each database to see what it offers. Click on the ones that may be applicable to your interests or degree program. Explore them and keep them in mind for future research.

So what other databases will you find on the main library resources page? The books, dissertations, and thesis link provides access to ten unique resources with a range of materials.

One resource, Books@Ovid is useful for classes in nursing and health sciences. Also there are some resources for information technology, criminal justice, and psychology. Additionally, the dissertations and thesis at University of Phoenix database provides access to dissertations written by students in our doctoral degree programs.
Your first stop in the University Library for financial, industry, and company information is the company directories and financials section. Students enrolled in courses in finance, economics, marketing, and business management will find these databases useful. Information available through these databases ranges from industry trend data to company financial and annual reports, global industry trends, and country specific data.

Information in the country profiles and economic data section ranges from global economic conditions to developing an understanding of cultural customs and facts for countries around the world.

Country watch and culture grams provide broad coverage whereas databases such as EIU Country Intelligence and Europa World Plus provide information focused more toward economic and financial areas of specific countries.

The encyclopedias and dictionaries section provides access to sixteen different encyclopedias and dictionaries. Some are more general in nature such as Britannica Online and the Oxford English Dictionary. Among the more specialized encyclopedias and dictionaries is the Oxford Art Online database which provides access to the online equivalent of the thirty-four volume Oxford Dictionary of Art.

This resource provides over forty-five thousand articles and over twenty-two thousand image links related to all genres, schools, and media in the visual arts and is a supplement to courses in humanities and art education.

The government resources section focuses largely on providing resources that contain statistical information provided by the federal government. The statistical resources provide general demographic data in addition to statistics regarding homeland security, education, health, environment, and crime.

Another effective way to further explore resources focused on specific content areas is through the journal indexes and abstracts link. The databases range from nursing and healthcare to psychology, business, education, and sociology.

Realize that these materials are not full text databases. They are journal indexes. This means search results may either link to full text or provide an abstract of the document.

The multimedia section contains resources that specialize in providing diverse media materials including audio. The resources in this section offer videos covering varying subjects including counseling, history, and nursing in addition to offering historical and present day art images.

The test guides and preparation section offers two valuable resources. The testing and education reference center is a useful commodity for undergraduate students to discuss advanced placement testing options with their academic counselors.
In addition, students of psychology, counseling, human services, and educational degree programs may appreciate the resources in the mental measurements yearbook which contains listings and reviews of test instruments available in these subjects.

Resources in the writing and publishing section include papers invited and Ulrich’s Periodicals Directory. Ulrich’s provides detailed, comprehensive, and authoritative information regarding periodicals published throughout the world. Ulrich’s is a directory and does not contain the text of books or journals.

Students interested in publishing their writing are encouraged to visit the papers invited database which is a searchable directory of calls for participation from professional associations, universities, journal editors, and other conference organizers.

When you click on choose resources by subject on the main library resources page, a menu opens. Each link in this section takes you to a set of resources specifically related to the defined subject area.

When you click on a specific topic, you will see research resources specifically related to that topic which enables you to drill down and find specific information.

Although most library users search for information by subject, there may be times when you wish to search for a known document such as a specific article in a periodical. For those needs, use the find a specific publication feature.

Well there you have it. These are the many ways you can search databases for relevant and reliable information in the University Library. Thanks for watching.

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