GPLL 231:
Library Skills & Resources: Maximizing Your Graduate Research Potential

COMPANION LIBRARY WEB PAGE:

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Objectives for today


DISCOVERING SERVICES & RESOURCES

❑ Where on the library web site can you find services and perks just for graduate students?

❑ When and how can you seek in-depth assistance from Concordia subject specialists?

❑ When and how can you use subject-specific tools to find resources?

❑ (How can you organize and cite the articles you found via tools like Zotero?)

ACCESSING RESOURCES

❑ How can you access resources WITHIN Concordia?

❑ Optimizing access: how can you set up Google Scholar to find Concordia resources

❑ How can you access resources BEYOND Concordia?
Find a page that describes the services, resources and perks reserved for grad students only.

Found it? Pick a resource or service mentioned on the page that you think is worth telling others about.

ANSWER: Our Graduate Students library page:
http://library.concordia.ca/services/users/grad/

Fundamentals for Graduate Students:
http://www.concordia.ca/library/guides/gradproskills/gpll231.html
➤ see: Just For You
Graduate spaces just for you

5th Floor
A. Quiet reading room
B. 4 Dissertation writers’ rooms
C. Lounge
D. Kitchenette
E. Lockers & Shelves
F. Dedicated printer/copier/scanner
When and how should you seek assistance from Concordia subject specialists?

ANSWER: Use Ask a Librarian/ Live Chat for quick questions or contact your subject librarian for in-depth assistance: http://library.concordia.ca/help/questions/

Fundamentals for Graduate Students: http://www.concordia.ca/library/guides/gradproskills/gpll231.html

see: Subject Specialists and other sources of help
When & how should you seek subject-specific search tools or databases for your research?

ANSWER: For many reasons and in many ways – but start with the Subject Guide for your discipline under HELP & HOW-TO: http://library.concordia.ca/help/ or http://www.concordia.ca/library/guides.html

Fundamentals for Graduate Students: http://www.concordia.ca/library/guides/gradproskills/gpll231.html
➢ see: Finding Subject-Specific resources and more
FIND ONE SUBJECT-SPECIFIC DATABASE THAT IS NEW TO YOU, and:

1. Note something interesting about it
2. If you have time, use it to try to find articles on your topic(s)

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How can you efficiently access material within Concordia?

Tools you can use include:
• Discovery Search
• Concordia Libraries’ online catalogue (CLUES)

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More Tools you can use include:
- Article Delivery
- E-journals page
- Course Reserves System
- Spectrum

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How to optimize your access from on and off campus?

What you can do:
• Set up Google Scholar to use >

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Tools you can use include:
• BCI card for direct borrowing from other universities
• Interlibrary loans using Colombo
• Worldcat, a union catalogue of library holdings for many North American and some international locations

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More Questions???

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