



Washington University of Science and Technology Library Resource Guide 2025

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Welcome

Welcome to your Library!

This guide has been created to offer you a brief introduction to the numerous services and resources available at the WUST Library. Please use the table of contents to navigate through the various options.

Our Library has a wealth of academic knowledge. Don't be afraid to ask a librarian for help - that is what we are here for!

See below to make an appointment or contact a librarian.
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Overview

What You Need to Know About Our Library

Your Librarians are here to help! We are experts in finding resources and information in various areas, and we will happily assist you in your research and information needs. We also have guides for various topics like APA citations and searching repositories.

Remember, we are here to support you!

Physical Resources

You have access to an incredible wealth of information through the WUST library! We have print collections (reference and check-out) that includes books, journals, periodicals, and textbooks that are free for you to use as a WUST student.

Our entire physical collection can be browsed using the [Populi Catalog Search](#)

We organize our physical books using the Library of Congress Classification (LOC). You can click [HERE](#) to learn more about this classification system.

Please ask for help when you need to find a book on the shelf! This is NOT something we expect you to know how to do.

Digital Resources

We also have access to various digital resources, including databases and repositories for you to find quality academic resources. Our vast digital collection and resources are available through our [Populi Library Links Page](#). This page includes links to all of our library resources (with descriptions and login credentials), including:

- Databases and Repositories
- Textbook Information
- Consortiums (Academic Journals)
- Writing Resources (Including Citations)
- Certifications and Professional Development Courses
- Certifications Exam Prep.
- Periodicals (Including Videos, Articles, and Stock Information).
- Multimedia Resources
- User / Resource Guides
- General Library Information

There are many differences between using research databases and other search engines, and our library offers you both.

Check out everything that the library has to offer!

Mission

The mission of the Washington University of Science and Technology is to provide a diverse student body with career -related education based on scholarly, innovative, and practical approaches to meet and exceed emerging global challenges.

- To develop career-related programs and curricular practical training.
- To provide practical training through internships, externships, practicums, field trips, and invited speakers.
- To provide students with ongoing career development services.

Goals

The goals of the Washington University of Science and Technology Library are as follows:

- Develop the library into a vital intellectual resource for students, faculty, and staff.
- Extend user services and information resources to contribute to each student's success and academic labor.
- Guide students to becoming lifelong learners and knowledgeable information users.

Values

- **Respect:** We treat everyone as a valued partner in our journey for learning.
- **Integrity:** We provide fact-based resources and honest answers to questions.
- **Service:** We provide fact-based resources and honest answers to questions.
- **Privacy:** We guard personal information according to the ethical standards of the American Library Association (ALA).
- **Access:** Information resources are to be available to all and in multiple formats.

General Library Rules

- 1) Do not damage any books or library equipment. Damage will be assessed, and you will be charged accordingly.
- 2) The library is not responsible for any personal property left unattended.
- 3) Return all materials to the Librarian for reshelving. **Do not return them to the shelves yourself.**
- 4) All materials must be returned by the due date.
- 5) No open containers or food allowed near the computers or library materials.
- 6) In case of fire, leave the library via the nearest exit. The exit route is clearly posted on the front library wall).
- 7) Children are not to be left unattended in the library.
- 8) Please maintain a respectful demeanor in the library, remembering it is a workplace.
- 9) The Librarian maintains the right to amend all the rules above.

Library Hours

Staffed Hours:

Monday – Friday (9:00 am to 5:00 pm)

Unstaffed Hours:

Tuesday – Friday (5:00 pm - 6:30 pm)

Saturday (12:00 pm - 4:00 pm)

Using the Library

The print resources are classified with the Library of Congress Classification system. This is an alphanumeric system running from A-Z with each letter of the alphabet signifying a different subject matter. Multiple letters indicate different subtropics of a field. The system is used in most academic libraries.

A-General Works

B-Philosophy, Religion, Psychology

C-Auxiliary History of Sciences

D-History-Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, New Zealand

E-F-History of the Americas

G-J-Geography, Social Sciences, and Political Sciences

K-Law

L-Education

M-Music

N-Fine Arts

P-Languages and Literature

Q-Science

R-Medicine

S-Agriculture

T-Technology

U-V-Military Science, Naval Science

Z-Library Science, Information Resources

Non-Circulating Collection*

**Some materials are reference materials and therefore they do not circulate. These can be used within the library itself. Materials can be copied or scanned for home use by the student.*

Textbooks

The library maintains one copy of each course textbook in the library. Textbooks are reference material. They ***cannot*** be circulated, checked out, or leave the library under any circumstance. Students and staff may use textbook copies in the ***library only***.

Washington University of Science and Technology ***does not*** purchase or provide textbooks in electronic or paper format for students. ***It is the responsibility of the student to rent or purchase their respective textbooks and required reading for their courses.*** However, some instructors may provide resources or eBooks for their courses, each course varies. You will know which course provides your materials by reading your course syllabus.

**Please check Populi for links and suggestions on searching, purchasing, and renting new and used textbooks and required course materials.*

<http://wust.populiweb.com/router/library/links/index>

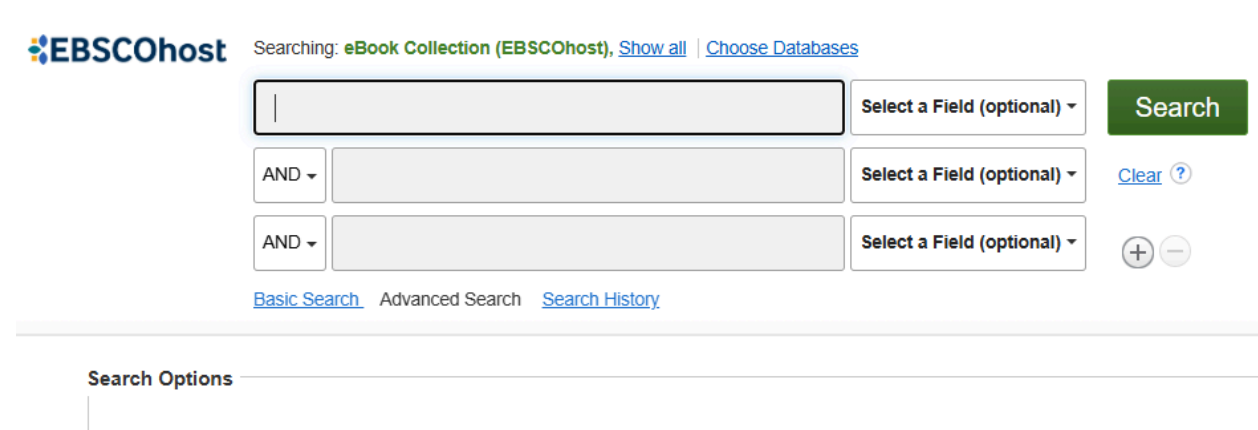
WUST Primary Library Resource Systems

The majority of our offered resources are digital. The library provides access to thousands of databases and institutional repositories for both you and your students. These provide scholarly, published works and peer-reviewed journals in real-time, allowing us access to the most recent developments for research and academic pursuits; these resources are accessible through EBSCO/EBSCOhost, LIRN, BASE, JSTOR, and ERIC. The most convenient way to access all of the library's database links and login credentials is through the Populi Library Links Page.

EBSCO & EBSCOhost

EBSCO is a leading provider of research databases, e-journals, and e-books. [EBSCOhost](#) is an online research platform that allows users to search across a wide variety of databases. Users may use both basic and advanced search features to search through scholarly collections. EBSCOhost also allows users to search through an extensive collection of ebooks and non-academic works.

<https://www.ebsco.com/academic-libraries>



The screenshot displays the EBSCOhost search interface. At the top left is the EBSCOhost logo. To its right, the text reads "Searching: eBook Collection (EBSCOhost), [Show all](#) | [Choose Databases](#)". Below this is a search bar with a vertical cursor. To the right of the search bar is a dropdown menu labeled "Select a Field (optional)". To the right of the dropdown is a green "Search" button. Below the search bar are two rows of search criteria. Each row starts with an "AND" dropdown menu, followed by a search input field, and then another "Select a Field (optional)" dropdown menu. To the right of the second row is a "Clear ?" link. Below the search criteria are two circular buttons, one with a plus sign and one with a minus sign. At the bottom of the search area are three links: "Basic Search", "Advanced Search", and "Search History". Below the search area is a horizontal line, and below that is the text "Search Options" with a vertical line extending downwards.

LIRN

[LIRN](#) allows you to over a hundred databases and collections. You may either search all the collections at once, or select specific databases to search individually.

These databases provide access to scholarly research across several disciplines, including the IT, Cybersecurity, and Business domains.

Ebook Central offers instant access to the complete text of thousands of the best-in class online books, book summaries, audiobooks, research reports, and best practices. Ebook Central also has thousands of academic titles available in ebook format.

[LIRN Librarian Service | Library & Information Resources Network](#)

<p>Student & Faculty Training</p> <p>Webinars and video instruction geared to specific subject areas, courses, and projects</p>	<p>Professional Development</p> <p>LIRN offers our school community opportunities to help expand information literacy and promote library resources on our campus. They can provide webinars to develop skills and certificates to help document continuing education requirements.</p>
<p>Research Assistance</p> <p>Students can contact their LIRN Librarian for any level of research assistance.</p>	<p>Faculty Collaboration</p> <p>LIRN Librarians can advise faculty on developing assignments and course pages, and incorporating library content into the curriculum.</p>



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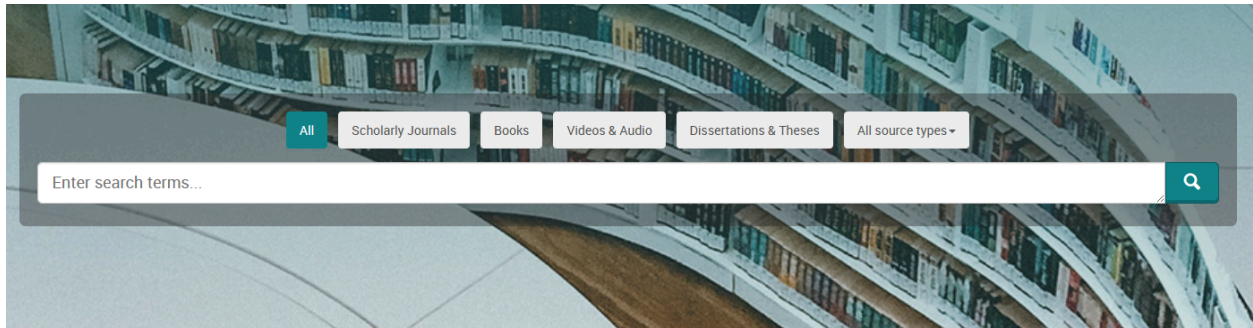
LIRN Instructional Video Tutorials and Resources

- [Library Instruction Videos for LIRN](#)
- [LIRNPortal | Library & Information Resources Network](#)
- [Research Skills | Library & Information Resources Network](#)

ProQuest

ProQuest is an included resource library with LIRN, however, you may browse this platform exclusively at the link below:

[ProQuest | Better research, better learning, better insights.](#)



BASE

[BASE](#) is a massive collection of majority open-source scholarly sources, from thousands of publishers and providers. This search engine is operated by Bielefeld University, but open to public use. There are millions of open-access records across all disciplines here, and students can search by a variety of criteria. There are strict standards publishers must adhere to for their works to be included in this search engine, promoting high academic quality and relevance to research topics. Students can also search this resource in 20+ languages, making it a great option for a variety of non-native speakers and a fantastic way to access international research.



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JSTOR

[JSTOR](#) is an extensive digital library for scholars, researchers, and students. Using this platform, you can access more than 12 million academic journal articles, books, images, shared

collections, and primary sources in 75 disciplines. Users can create their individual accounts to use this resource at no cost.



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Search journals, books, images, and primary sources

ERIC

[ERIC](#) is an government-sponsored academic repository with some of the most relevant and specialized educational resources available. These resources can be accessed at no cost, and can be useful to both faculty and students. This resource also has a helpful thesaurus tool



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Certifications & Professional Development Resources

Our library has a physical special collection (“Certification Station”) of resources to prepare for certifications and exams. We carry preparation materials for several popular certification exams in IT, Cybersecurity, and Business. Example certifications and exams we have preparation materials for include PMP, CAPM, Ethical Hacking, CompTIA Core Skills Certifications (ex.

Security+), CISSP, and Google Cloud Certified Professional Cloud Architect. We also include several go-to resources on our [Library Populi Links Page](#) to help students learn these skills and prepare for certification exams, including Google Career Certificates and AWS Training and Certifications. These resources include both free and paid resources, practice exams, and courses. Please feel free to recommend/request to the librarian any certification or exam materials you think would be beneficial.

Periodicals & Other Electronic Resources

The most convenient way to access all of the library's database links and login credentials is through the [Populi Library Links Page](#).

Borrowing and Returning Procedures

The library collection is for use by the Washington University of Science and Technology community.

Anyone wishing to check out materials should contact the library with the title and author of the book. They will be expected to fill out a checkout sheet with their name, student ID, contact information, and the book barcode(s).

Boos have a 2-week lending period. Please contact the Librarian to extend or renew check-out times for all resources. Renewals are allowed at the discretion of the Librarian. Any damage to the books will be billed to the user's account. Lost materials will generate overdue fines, a replacement fee, and administrative costs for the borrow. An account will be locked, and books recalled if fines are not paid.

Open Online Resources

Please continue to check our [Populi Links](#) page for updated and new resources. This page, including links and login credentials, are regularly updated. You can find them under "Library" -> "Links." Please do not hesitate to ask for assistance!

1) APA Assistance: Style and Grammar Guidelines

<https://apastyle.apa.org/style-grammar-guidelines>

Purdue Owl: APA Style and Formatting

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/index.html

2) The Smithsonian Institution: The Smithsonian Institute is the largest museum complex in the world. It ranges from history to art to science to nature. They have podcasts, blogs, a magazine, a collection search, open-access images, sharable datasets, and research articles.

<https://www.si.edu/>

3) PubMed: PubMed is a free resource to gather biomedical literature sponsored by the National Institute of Health and the National Library of Medicine. Information about health and treatments is available.

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>

4) World History Encyclopedia: Overview of world history. While new, it is curated and focused as a traditional encyclopedia.

<https://www.worldhistory.org/>

5) Open Library: Millions of books available through controlled digital lending.

<https://openlibrary.org/>

6) Project Gutenberg: A volunteer effort to digitize and archive cultural works, to encourage the creation and distribution of eBooks. Most of the items in its collection are full texts of public domain books. The project tries to make these as free as possible, in long-lasting, open formats that can be used on almost any computer. Now Project Gutenberg offers over 59,000 free eBooks. You will find the world's great literature here. [Free eBooks | Project Gutenberg](#)

7) Internet Archive: Is the most extensive free online non-profit library of millions of free books, movies, software, music, websites, and more. They provide people with universal access to all knowledge. The Internet Archive offers a wealth of free information, serves millions of people each day and is one of the top 300 websites in the world.

<https://www.epubor.com/20-best-free-online-libraries.html>

The Writing Lab and Tutoring Services

The library hosts the Writing Lab (directed by CSS), which can help connect students with tutoring services. For general course tutoring (subject-specific), please contact Mahmood at mahmood.khan@wust.edu. For writing-specific tutoring and assistance, the Library is the site of the Writing Lab, managed by The Center for Student Success. The Writing Lab's purpose is to assist students in all aspects of writing, particular academic writing. Through the expertise of our

student-worker tutors, students can get assistance with citations, creating a thesis, general grammar, organizing ideas, and more! Students may meet with a tutor in-person or virtually to receive assistance in all areas of academic writing. Please see [this webpage](#) for more information.

Local Public Libraries

We encourage you to use the public library systems in our surrounding area (ex. Fairfax Public Libraries (FCPL)); they offer an abundance of free resources and are a great way to get to know your local community.

Local Academic Libraries

Academic libraries are generally more restrictive, as their primary patrons will be their students, staff, and faculty, however some (like American University Library) do offer visitor privileges. *Remember to check their websites for updates and changes in rules and regulations, as these are subject to change.*

George Mason University Fenwick Library

<https://library.gmu.edu/>

WUST students are not part of the Washington Research Consortium (WRC) or other agreements for borrowing privileges. GMU does allow visitors to use their collections on-site.

Northern Virginia Community College

<https://libanswers.nvcc.edu/faq/135628>

Libraries are open to all faculty, staff, students, and community patrons. NOVA does have community patron borrowing privileges. It is open to residents of Northern Virginia. As a community patron of NOVA, you may borrow up to three (3) items at a time. You must show proof of your Northern Virginia residency.

The Library of Congress

<https://www.loc.gov/>

The Library of Congress requires a reader registration or ID card to access research areas of the library. It is free and available to all. One must apply in person with documentation, although you can pre-register online. Once you are a reader, you may borrow materials, and use reading rooms and computer terminals.