



UiO : University of Oslo Library

Introduction to the University Library, Humanities and Social Sciences Library



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Welcome to the library



The library as a work space

- Computers
- Printers in all floors
- Group study rooms
- Flexible work spaces
- Search and reference guidance
- Academic Writing Centre
- «Houston», IT help desk

Opening hours:

Mon-fri: 8-22

Sat: 10-18


Sun: Closed

Flexible work spaces in the library



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Studies

Study at UiO

- Master's degree programmes
- Admission for international applicants

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Find a course

Reading lists, lecture times and notes from all courses.

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People

Find staff and students

Services and tools

- Canvas
- My studies
- Studentweb
- Library
- Outlook

Group study rooms

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the University of Oslo Library website. The 'Using the library' link is highlighted with a red box. Below the navigation bar, the page title 'Using the library' is displayed, with a 'Norwegian' link to its right. The main content area features four service links: 'Library search', 'Opening hours', 'Everything you need to know about borrowing', and 'Study areas and group study rooms'. The 'Study areas and group study rooms' link is highlighted with a red box. Below this link, a brief description states: 'Study areas, group study rooms, multimedia rooms, computers and more.'

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Using the library Norwegian

Library search
Find books, articles, journals, databases and more in Oria, and see what other search services we provide.

Opening hours
for all the libraries

Everything you need to know about borrowing
Find out who can borrow and what the terms and conditions are.

Study areas and group study rooms
Study areas, group study rooms, multimedia rooms, computers and more.

New system for booking: Affluences (app) or reservation.affluences.com

Tip! Affluences also shows how full the library is at any given time

Using library services – loan card



Finding and interpreting syllabus list

Search for the subject code or name on uio.no

Tip: Look for italic text, which usually implies the source searchable in Oria. Older articles may not be searchable, in those cases, search for the journal instead.

Examples:

Baccini, Leonardo, and Johannes Urpelainen (2012) "Strategic Side Payments: Preferential Trading Agreements, Economic Reform, and Foreign Aid." *Journal of Politics* 74(4):932 - 49.

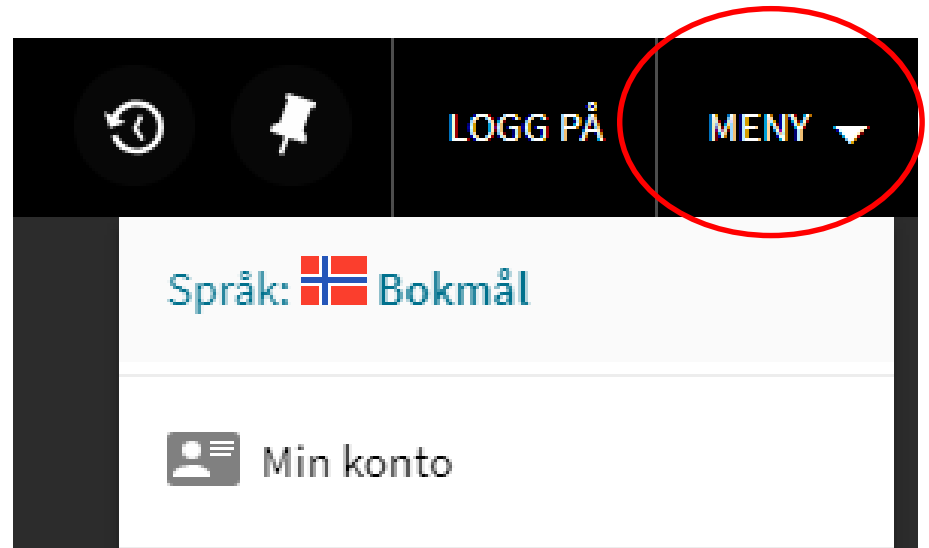
Taylor, M. (1996). "When Rationality Fails", in J. Friedman (ed.), *The Rational Choice Controversy*. New Haven: Yale University Press.

Syllabus books in Oria – uio.oria.no

Parsons, Craig (2007): *How To Map Arguments in Political Science*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Tip: Use the map in Oria!

Log in to request articles and books



Peer review

- Every recognized journal and publisher that publishes research literature, utilize «peer review» of manuscripts before publishing.
- Performed by other scientists – usually two. The peers recommends whether or not the manuscript should be published, and suggests needed changes to uphold a high research standard.

Where to find information? The University Library recommends:

- Oria
- Google Scholar instead of Google
- Subject databases

Why? Quality ensured information

- Literature citations
- Peer review
- Science

What about.. Wikipedia?

- “Do your research properly and wisely. Remember that *any* encyclopedia is a *starting point* for research, not an *ending point*.”
- “Use your judgment. Remember that all sources have to be evaluated.”



Source evaluation – The CRAAP test

- **Currency** – Is the research current?
- **Relevance** – Is it relevant for you and your level? Who is the target audience?
- **Authority** – Who is the author, with what authority do they speak?
- **Accuracy** – How accurate are the claims, are they backed up by proper sources?
- **Purpose** – What is the purpose of the publication?

<https://libguides.ioe.ac.uk/evaluating/craap>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CRAAP_test

Subject pages – selected resources for your subject area



Cheater - me?

- Many cheat without knowingly doing so
- Not to reference your sources is the same as taking credit for someone else's work. This is called **plagiarism**, and is considered cheating
- As a student, you are obligated to learn the rules for academic writing and citation

What are the consequences of cheating?

If you cheat, you risk having your exam **annulled** and be **excluded** from all universities and university colleges in Norway for a period of one or two semesters

From the faculty of Social Sciences on sources and referring:

«The purpose of the source reference is to make it as easy as possible for the reader to find the source you have used. It is essential for academic work that the reader can check that you have coverage for what you say.»

«It is important that you are consistent and use only one style in your text.»

«If there is no recommended style on a subject, we want you to use the APA style.»

<https://www.sv.uio.no/english/studies/resources/sources-and-references/sv.html>

Referring: Academic companionship

Science must be **provable**
and **verified** by others

A scientific text must show
where the knowledge
originates from

Read more:

<https://www.sv.uio.no/english/studies/resources/sources-and-references/sv.html>

«If I have seen further, it is by
standing on the shoulders of
giants» (Isaac Newton, 1676)



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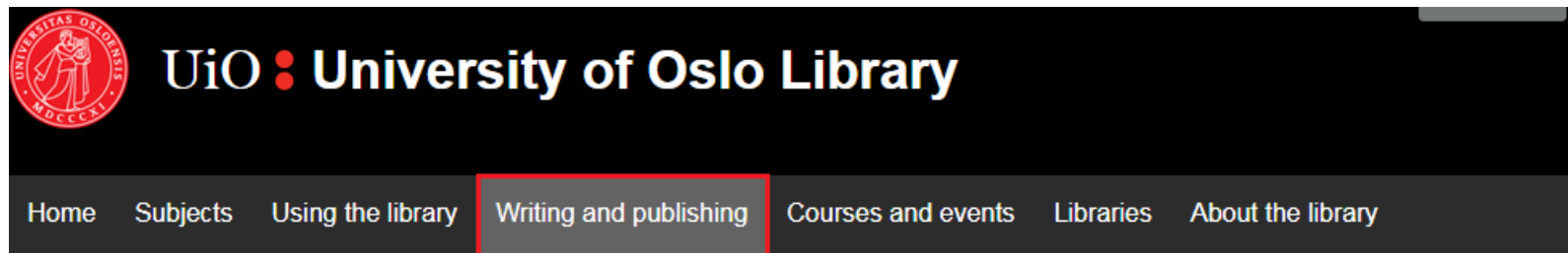
Academic writing centre

The writing centre is located at the ground floor in the library, and offers guidance in academic writing.



Academic writing centre

Appointment booking available:



Writing and publishing

Referencing

Reference styles, reference tools and information about referencing.

Master theses

Templates and information about submitting your thesis to DUO.

- [Templates](#)
- [Submission of Master's thesis to DUO](#)

Academic writing centre

The writing centre is open for all students who wish to improve their own writing.

Search & write – Academic writing tool online



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Course presentation (PDF): bit.ly/2OAZF4D