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 referance 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

Both photos: UiO, Sofie Barth
Group study rooms

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:

Syllabus books in Oria – uio.oria.no


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.

(Obtained from Astrid Andersons course on acceptable use of sources for Master's students in social anthropology)
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

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

Read more: [https://www.sv.uio.no/english/studies/resources/sources-and-references/sv.html](https://www.sv.uio.no/english/studies/resources/sources-and-references/sv.html)

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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

sokogskriv.no/en/
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Course presentation (PDF): bit.ly/2OAZF4D