

GUIDE TO RESEARCHING YOUR ASSIGNMENT

For each academic assignment you submit you will be expected to conduct research on the topic of your assignment. In order to gather relevant, academic content you will need to explore some of the resources available to you through IICP library:

- **The library catalogue:**
 - The library catalogue allows you to view the books in the library relevant to your topic. Simply go to the library catalogue from the Library Hub or click this link <https://cloud.collectorz.com/iicp/books/view>
 - the library catalogue can be accessed from any location so you can conduct a search and identify titles you wish to view before your college day.
 - type your search terms, the name of the book, the name of an author etc into the search box.
 - You will see if the book is currently available or out on loan.
 - Some books may have “EBSCO eBook” before the title. In this case you can access the eBook through EBSCO by logging in to Moodle.

- **EBSCO journals:**
 - IICP subscribes to academic journals through EBSCO.
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 - In EBSCO you can conduct searches for journals articles related to your topic.
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- **Open Access resources:**
 - From the Library Hub, you can access several databases and journals that allow you to search thousands of freely available scholarly resources across the web.
 - Go to the Open Access Resources link from The Library Hub to see open access options available.

- **Web portals:**
 - The library hub gives you access to subject specific web portals, giving you access to web content related to different subject areas taught within the college.

- Go to the library hub and under “web portals” click on the subject area related to your topic.
 - It is important to note that with this or any other web material, it is extremely important to evaluate web content to ensure that it is accurate and scholarly. If you are unsure, consult the Guide to Evaluating Online Sources before you conduct any independent online research.
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- **Other resources:**
 - **Public libraries** – you can get access to other books and resources through the public library system.
 - **Additional web resources** – the internet is home to a huge wealth of information that may be helpful to you as you research for your assignments. However, it is very important to properly assess your sources before you use and reference web content. If you are unsure about the reliability of web content, consult the Guide to Evaluating Online Sources before you conduct any independent online research for tips to help you effectively evaluate web sources.