Library Overview
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Overview

✓ MultiSearch
✓ Databases
✓ Peer review/ quality academic papers
✓ Referencing
✓ Further assistance (including Libguides)
Here is a quick overview of the important links from the MQ Library website

- **MultiSearch** is the search engine which searches across all the resources held by the library.

- **Quick links** provides easy access to the most useful sections of the library website.

- **Subject and research guides** provide an overview about resources and how to use them. They also provide information about resources for subject areas/topics.

- **Referencing** is a comprehensive guide on how to reference using different styles.

- **Contact us** provides a list of ways to contact the library with questions you may have regarding resources, borrowing or reference question.
MultiSearch is a search and discovery tool that provides one-stop searching across the Library’s resources, including items in the Library Catalogue, e-Reserve, Macquarie University ResearchOnline, plus Library databases and online journal collections.

When conducting your search think about phrases and words relating to your information needs which will provide results that are relevant. You will probably have to try a variety of different combinations of key words and/or phrases.
Databases: why use databases?

• To find full-text information and data

• To find citation & abstract of journal articles in various subject areas e.g. business & finance and management

• To locate pre-packaged reports and analysis on areas such as Industries, Companies, Business/Economic conditions in particular geographies etc.

• Refer to the resources handout for description of databases
Types of databases

- **Full-text databases**
  Business Source Premier, Emerald, ScienceDirect, Factiva, Expanded Academic ASAP, Google Scholar and Wiley Online Library.

- **Citation & abstract databases**
  EconLit, Web of Knowledge, Current Contents Connect and Scopus.

- **Economic & financial databases**

- **Company and industry databases**
  IBISWorld, DatAnalysis, Business Monitor Online, Passport and Onesource,

*Single terminal access in Library  ^ Access provided with particular subjects
Business Source Premier

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Business source premier provides access to more than 3,600 full text scholarly business publications, including nearly 1,100 peer-reviewed journals.

The advanced search in Business Source Premier allows you to select variables such as date range, peer-reviewed items etc. Search terms can be entered and fields selected where you would like your search terms to appear i.e. abstract, subject area etc.
Emerald management 200 is a searchable database which provides access to the full text of articles from journals, mainly in the subject area of management.

Emerald Management 200 allows you to define search terms and where they should appear in the document. It also allows you to apply filters such as date of publication.
Google Scholar

http://multisearch.mq.edu.au/MQ:MQ_ALMA61106249770002171

Google Scholar will search across multiple full text databases subscribed to by Macquarie but offers limited search functionality.
Be sure to enter Google scholar either via the link on the Library homepage or through the database entry. Entering via one of these methods links search results back to the full text for items MQ has a subscription to.
Peer-reviewed (or Refereed) status

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

What is a peer reviewed journal article?
Peer review is a formal process whereby research papers are submitted to a journal for publication and recognised academics or authorities in the appropriate field read and appraise it.

These reviewers may accept the paper for publication or with revisions or reject it altogether.

This process of refereeing is known as peer review.

Why are peer reviewed journal articles important?
Peer reviewed articles are authoritative because they have been assessed prior to publication by specialists or experts within the related academic and/or industry fields.
Peer-reviewed status (Ulrichs)

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Some databases/sources, such as Google scholar, do not identify if a journal has Peer-reviewed status (some even provide inaccurate information about Peer-reviewed status)

You can check if a journal is refereed/peer-reviewed by using the following database:

Ulrich's international periodicals directory

Once in Ulrichs simply type the name of the Journal into the search box and view the record to see if the Journal is refereed.
Factiva provides full text access to news items from almost 8000 international sources and 9000 key Web sites, including more than 100 Australasian sources
WHY REFERENCE?

You probably know that it is important to reference your writing at university, but why is this so?

**It supports and strengthens your argument.**
Every academic paper is in essence an argument, not in the everyday use of this word, but an argument in the sense that you take a position on an issue and support it with evidence gathered from the sources you have read.

**It demonstrates that you have read.**
As a student writer your purpose is to show your reader (your marker) that you have read, thought about and come to a point of view on the assigned topic.

**It shows what you have read.**
Your references demonstrate the depth and the breadth of your reading.

**It enables the reader to locate the sources referred to in your paper.**
It is necessary to provide details of sources so that readers can access them.

**It means you have acknowledged your sources and avoided plagiarism.**
Plagiarism is the use of someone’s ideas or words without acknowledging them. This is unacceptable and a serious academic offence.
Referencing (Harvard style)


The library provides an in-depth guide to referencing. There you can find pages related to many different styles of Referencing including the Harvard and APA styles.

It is accessible from the library homepage via the Referencing “quick link”.

It will provide you with examples of different types of materials and how to reference them in text and in a bibliography/reference list.
The Finance Libguide has been designed specifically for MAFC students.

It contains links to library resources and instructions on how to use these resources.

It contains links to useful websites relating to the topic area of finance as well as pages about how to reference and research assignments.
Services provided by the Library

- **Document Supply (inter-library loans)-** request items not held, books & journal articles (refer to VDX system)

- **Postgraduate study space**

- **Ask a Librarian** [http://www.libanswers.mq.edu.au/](http://www.libanswers.mq.edu.au/)
Contact Us

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NEED SOME HELP?

Click Contact us to find Ask A Librarian link for help from a librarian by

- phone
- email
- chat, or
- in person
to get more help

Call us on 1800 300 753
Free call from landlines within Australia during Library opening hours

Overseas? Call: +61 2 9850 7500 during Library opening hours
Current Sydney time

Email Us
We will reply to your email within 24 hours Monday to Friday AEST

Chat Now
Monday - Friday 9am - 7pm,
Saturday, Sunday & Public Holidays
10am - 6pm
Current Sydney time

Visit us in person
Visit Macquarie University Library and ask at our Information Desk on level 2
What can your Research Librarian do for you?

- work with you to support your research activities
- advise you on the best sources of information for your research
- provide information skills training to find and manage information for research
- meet with you to discuss your research needs.
Thank you