

Guide to library resources:
Women's studies



ECU Library

Introduction to the Library

Searching for information can be as informal as browsing the shelf to using the Library's web-based resources. Knowing what to look for and how to do it will save many hours during your studies. This guide is designed to help you find your way around the information resources available in ECU Library. It includes suggestions on developing a search strategy, understanding references, using the catalogue and finding journal articles.

Liberty is the library's web-based learning package. It is a detailed guide to finding information including specific examples which can be worked through. Liberty can be found at <http://www.ecu.edu.au/library/liberty/index.html>

Help is also available at the Library Reference and Enquiry desks and from the EA Faculty Library Team. <http://www.ecu.edu.au/library/faculty/cont-fea.html>

In researching your topic you may need to go beyond the services of ECU Libraries. As an ECU student, you have access and reciprocal borrowing privileges at the other university libraries:

UWA
Murdoch
Curtin University of Technology
Notre Dame
Central Tafe

You can search their Library catalogues from the ECU Library catalogue page or at <http://www.ecu.edu.au/library/collections/catalogues.html>

Developing a search strategy

You have just received your first assignment. Where do you start? A search strategy means thinking through the steps needed to complete the assignment. While you will develop your own method over time, here is a starting point.

Define the topic and scope of your assignment

- Be sure you know what your lecturer requires. Ask questions.
- Work out a time frame. When is the paper due? How much time do you need to satisfy what is being asked of you? Set a cut off point when the search ends and the writing begins. You may need to allow extra time in case materials you need are at another campus or already out on loan.
- Use specialist dictionaries and encyclopedias in Education, Psychology and the Social Sciences to obtain an overview of your topic and identify terms to search the Library catalogue and electronic databases. These are found in the Reference Collection and online at: <http://www.ecu.edu.au/library/findwebsites/index.html>

Which resources do I use?

There is an expectation that you will source references from as wide a range of different formats as possible, for example: videos, DVDs, journals, electronic databases, microfiche or an Internet site. If the assignment is more historical or introductory you may rely more on

books. For very current trends or specific topics, journal articles (in hard copy or electronic formats) and Internet sites may be more useful.

A good starting point is the list or references for your unit outline.

Referencing and organising your information

Be sure to acknowledge all quotes as well as any ideas that are not your own by referencing their source both in the text of your work and in a list of references at the end. Plagiarism is the deliberate copying of ideas or words of another person or source and passing them off as your own: eg copying and pasting text from the Internet.

The following points will help you recognise references from your reading lists as well as write your own. **Remember - always copy the full referencing details of every photocopy, Internet site, Electronic Database or book that you have taken information from.** This will save the frustrating task of retracing your steps when it comes to referencing at the end.

It is also a good idea to keep a note of what indexes and other search tools you've used (even if not successful) so you don't repeat your steps. If you are saving a search from an Electronic Database, include the search history, which details the keywords that you have used in your searches.

Make sure that you have a copy of the Referencing Guide. They are available from the ECU Bookshop or online from the Library Homepage:
<http://www.ecu.edu.au/LDS/pdf/refguide.pdf>

Recognising parts of a reference

BOOK REFERENCE

<i>Author</i>	<i>Date of publication</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Publisher</i>
↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Beckett, C.	(2003).	Child protection: An introduction.	London:	SAGE

JOURNAL ARTICLE REFERENCE

<i>Author</i>	<i>Date of publication</i>	<i>Title of article</i>
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Hunt, G.	(1992).	Parenting: A survey of community needs.
	<i>Children Australia</i> ,	17(3), 9-12
	↑	↑
<i>Journal Title</i>	<i>Volume & issue</i>	<i>Page numbers</i>

Australia - Social Policy
 Feminism
 Feminist Criticisms
 Feminist Theory
 Social Policy
 Social Sciences - Research
 Social Services
 Women
 Women in Literature
 Women - Psychology
 Women - Social Conditions

Main Shelf Numbers in Women's Studies

At these numbers on the shelves you may find material relevant to your course:

Aborigines	305.89915; 994.004991
Ageing - physiological aspects	155.67
Aged in society	305.26
Aged - services	362.6
Australia - society, culture, history	994
Australian politics	320.994
Counselling	158.3; 361.3; 616.8914
Criminology	364
Divorce	306.89
Ethics	174; 176; 179
Ethnic, racial groups	305.8
Family	306.8
Family problems, violence	362.82
Family therapy	616.8915
Feminism	305.42
Feminist theory (literary)	809.89287
Gay/Lesbian issues	306.76; 305.90664
Gender identity; sex roles	305.3; 155.3
Helping skills	158.3
Human services	361 - 362
Inequality (social classes)	305; 305.5
Interpersonal relations, skills	158.2
Marriage	306.8
Masculinities	305.31
Media - sociological aspects	302.23
Organisational behaviour	302.35
Political theories, ideologies	320.5
Pornography (as social controversy)	363.49
Psychology (general, introductory)	150 +
Rape	364.153; 362.883
Self-help	158.1
Sexuality	612.6; 613.9
Sexuality - Sociological aspects	306.7
Single-parent families	306.856

Social research methodology	300.72
Sociology (general, introductory)	301 +
Stress	155.9
Women in society; women's studies	305.4 +
Women in the work force	331.4
Women - Psychology	155.633
Women's health	613.042

Some Reference Material in Women's Studies

*Available electronically

R016.3054 CAR	Women's Studies: A Guide to Information Sources
R016.3054 GIL	Women's Studies: a bibliography of dissertations 1870-1982
R016.3054 HER	Herstories –our history: a bibliography of resources on Western Australian women's history...1900 to 1998
R016.3054 LES	Lespar: Feminist library catalogue
R016.3054 STA	Images of Women II: film and video resources for women's studies
R016.3054 STI	Women's Studies: recommended core bibliography
R016.30542 WAT	Feminism on Women's Issues: An Annotated Bibliography and Research Guide. 2 vols.
R016.30548 IMM	Immigrant Women in Australia: An Annotated Bibliography
R016.30714 WOM	Women and Development: an annotated bibliography
R016.79143 WOM	Women and Film bibliography
R016.8208 SHA	The Oxford Guide to British Women Writers
R016.A8208 ADE	Bibliography of Australian Women's Literature 1795-1990
R300.3 INT	International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences (24 vols)*
R300.3 INT	International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences
R301.03 +	Various dictionaries of sociology and anthropology
R301.092 WOM	Women in Sociology: A Bio-bibliographical Sourcebook
R302.222 WAL	The Woman's Dictionary of Symbols and Sacred Objects
R305.31 FLO	The Men's Bibliography
R305.4 WOM	Women's Movements in the World
R305.4 WOR	The World's Women: trends and statistics 1970-1990
R305.4016 KAP	Spectrum: a Bibliography of Women in Australia 1945 to the present
R305.4025 MIL	Women's Studies in Australian Universities: A Directory
R305.402594 AUS	The Australian Women's Directory
R305.403 WOM	Women's Studies Encyclopedia (3 vols)
R305.406 WOM	Women's Movements of the World
R305.407 REA	Reader's Guide to Womens studies
R305.407 WIS	W.I.S.H.: The International Handbook of Women's Studies
R305.409 OLS	Chronology of Women's History
R305.409 TRA	The Women's Chronology

R305.42 SEA	Women in the World: an International Atlas
R305.42 WOM	Women's Information Services and Networks
R305.4201 AND	A concise Glossary of Feminist Theory
R305.4201 HUM	Dictionary of Feminist Theory
R305.420994 HER	Her Story: Australian Women in print 1788-1975
R305.420994 TWO	Two Hundred Australian Women: a Redress Anthology
R305.45 SIS	Sisterhood is Global: the International Women's Movement Anthology
R305.906641 REA	Reader's Guide to Lesbian and Gay Studies
R319.4 AUS	Australian Bureau of Statistics publications (for example, Women in Western Australia, cat. no. 4108.5)
R323.40994 BIS	Pink Pages: a directory of Women's Rights in Australia
R325.1 ABO	About Migrant Women: a Bibliography
R349.941 LEG	Legal Resources Book (WA)
R354.94 COM	Commonwealth Government Directory
R354.94104 STA	State Government Directory (WA)
R361.709941 DIR	Directory of Self Help and Support Groups
R362.830994 WES	Building on Success: Government Two Year plan for Women 1999-2001
R362.8309941 DIR	Directory of Services for Western Australian Women
R909 DIC	Dictionary of the History of Ideas (5 vols)
R920.72 CON	The MacMillan Dictionary of Women's Biography
R920.72 GOL	Lesser Known Women: A Biographical Dictionary
R920.72 INT	The International Who's Who of Women
R920.72 WOR	The World's Who's Who of Women
R920.720904 FOR	Foremost Women of the Twentieth Century

Journals

A list of important journals in Women's Studies follows. Some are held on the library shelves at the numbers given below.

*Available electronically

Australian Feminist Law Journal	S346.0134 AUS*
Australian Feminist Studies	S305.40994 AUS*
Feminism and Psychology	S150.82 FEM*
Feminist Issues (Holdings: 1991-1995)	S305.42 FEM
Feminist Review	S305.42 FEM*
Feminist Studies	S305.42 FEM*
GLQ: a Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies	S305.90664 GLQ*
Gender and Development	S338.90082 GEN*
Gender and History	S305.3 GEN*
Gender and Society	S305 GEN*
Gender, Work and Organization	S305.3 GEN*
Hecate	S305.4 HEC*
Journal of Divorce and Remarriage	S306.89 JOU*
Journal of Family Violence	S362.8292 JOU*
Journal of Feminist Family Therapy	S616.89156 JOU*
Journal of Gender Studies	S305.3 JOU*

Journal of Marriage and the Family (Holdings: 1970-2004)	S306.8 JOU
Journal of the History of Sexuality	S306.709 JOU*
Journal of Women and Aging	S362.6 JOU*
Psychology of Women Quarterly	S155.633 PSY*
Refractory Girl	S305.42 REF*
Resources for Feminist Research	S305.4 RES*
Signs (Journal of Women in Culture and Society)	S305.4 SIG*
Studies on Women Abstracts (Holdings: 1994-1999)	R016.3054 STU
Spare Rib (Holdings: 1990-1993)	S305.42 SPA
Violence Against Women (Holdings: 1997-2000)	S362.8292 VIO
Women Against Violence	S364.15082 WOM
Women and Criminal Justice	S364 WOM*
Women and Health	S613.0424 WOM*
Women and Politics (Holdings:1994-1996)	S305.42 WOM
Women and Therapy	S616.89082 WOM*
Women and Work	S331.4 WOM
Women's Health Issues	S362.198 WOM*
Women's Studies International Forum	S305.4 WOM*

Finding Journal Articles Using Electronic Databases

Databases contain references for many hundreds of journals in a particular field.

To locate journal articles on your topic use an electronic database in your subject area.

The following databases would be suitable for women's studies and are available via the **ECU Library Home page**. Click **Journal articles(Databases)**, **Databases by Subject**, select **Women's Studies**.

APA-FT (APAIS with Full Text)--- Indexes journals, conference papers and reports on Australian material in social welfare and social issues includes some full text articles.

CONTEMPORARY WOMEN'S ISSUES--- Provides full text access to global information on women published by organisations worldwide.

PSYCINFO---The major international database for psychology and related fields. Abstracts of journal articles, book chapters and reports.

ERIC--- Is the major international database in the Education field with abstracts of journal articles and report documents.

PROQUEST SOCIAL SCIENCE JOURNALS--- International database covering journals in the social sciences, with about half of the journals available in full text).

EXPANDED ACADEMIC---An interdisciplinary database of key journals with about half available in full text.

The following databases may be of interest and can be accessed via the **Databases by Title** link:

AARP AGELINE---Has abstracts of journal articles in all aspects of social gerontology. International coverage.

ACADEMIC RESEARCH LIBRARY---A database covering a wide subject range of journals with some full text.

CINCH---Produced by the Australian Institute of Criminology. Has abstracts of journal articles, conference papers, reports and the Institute's own research.

FAMILY---Produced by the Australian Institute of Family Studies. Has abstracts of journal articles, conference papers, reports and the Institute's own research.

MAIS---Covers multicultural and ethnic issues in Australia.

PSYCARTICLES--- Provides access to full text journal articles in psychology.

SOCIAL WORK ABSTRACTS---Has abstract of journal articles in the social work and social services area. International coverage).

Metaquest

MetaQuest is a portal that enables access to ECU's online collections. *MetaQuest* allows you to search up to 10 resources simultaneously, including library catalogues and databases, then link to fulltext where available. Fulltext linking is done using "SFX Find it" interlinking technology. You can also link directly to the resources' native interface.

Databases in *MetaQuest* are grouped together by subject categories relevant to courses at ECU, but you can also create your own list of preferred resources. *MetaQuest* allows you to construct alerts to run searches for you.

As with the Library catalogue, you can search for titles, keywords or authors. These databases provide details of article titles, the title of the journal the article is from, volume and page numbers and usually an article overview or abstract. It is often possible to search under the journal title and scan through the contents pages of various issues.

Several electronic databases provide the full text of the articles indexed. This means you will be able to download email or print the article directly. This is also an excellent way of retaining the reference details of each article used in your assignment.

E-Journals

Also called electronic or online journals. These are an easily accessible source of journal articles. E-journals link to the URL's or web addresses for each title. Search for them by Journal List in the Library Catalogue. A suite of e-journals for Education can be accessed at <http://www.ecu.edu.au/library/faculty/fac-csess-ej.html>.

Reserve Collection

There is a Reserve Collection at every campus library. It is where high demand materials are kept for short term use. Materials can include books, videos, DVD's, and CD-ROMs. Only Edith Cowan University staff or student can borrow from the Reserve Collection.

E-Reserve

E-Reserve is an electronic collection of journal articles, conference papers and chapters/sections of books. Whilst material in the reserve collection is available in print form, increasingly material will be available as e-readings via E-Reserve. As with access to other online library services, E-Reserve can be accessed on or off campus. You will need to authenticate to use E-Reserve items. 'Electronic copy available' indicates that access will be via a pdf scanned copy of the item, while 'electronic document' indicates that you be will linked via a database to the item. As with items placed in the print Reserve Collection, E-Reserve items can be accessed via Reserve Collection icons of the ECU Library catalogue, by Unit code or Lecturer's name. Alternatively, you can search the catalogue by the item's author or title. If a unit code has items available in both the print Reserve Collection and online in E-Reserve, these items will be listed together on the same list.

Note that you can search for journal articles via the E-Reserve by the author or title of the article. However, the standard way to access journal articles is to find out whether the ECU Library system holds the particular journal title for the correct dates in print or electronic form. To do this, search Journals for the title of the journal and if the journal is available electronically you would follow the links through till you reached the correct journal article.

Web Resources

EA Library Web page has resources specific to the Faculty of and Arts Sciences.

<http://www.ecu.edu.au/library/faculty/fac-fea.html>

This page has links to electronic databases and websites relevant to Children and Family Studies. It also includes lists of free E-journals and Learning assistance packages, including Liberty Children and Family Studies module.

Contact Us <http://www.ecu.edu.au/library/contacts/askus.html>

to enquire about general Library services and any problems accessing the ECU Library services and products.

E-Reference <http://www.ecu.edu.au/library/contacts/eref.html>

has an online form to lodge your reference enquiries.

Find Websites <http://www.ecu.edu.au/library/findwebsites/index.html> to access a range of electronic dictionaries, encyclopedias, yearbooks and more!

Have a look at the EA Faculty Homepage at: <http://www.ea.ecu.edu.au>