

# A guide to research methodology -

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# Types of research material to consider

There are four types of resources available to UKH students:

- People - first hand witnesses to the event - i.e. someone who saw the assassination of Anwar Al-Sadat or Mau Mau tribesmen bearing witness in court against the British Government. Subject experts such as doctors or scientists. Independent observers like the OECD observers or journalists
- Online - this currently ranges from qualitative verified sources like The Times and The Economist to Facebook and Twitter which are only now starting to develop any kind of qualitative assurance



## Types of research material to consider

- Primary – these can be a personal diary such as Samuel Pepys or letters from a person of importance such as Winston Churchill. Unless cross referenced with another source the material may not be reliable. News crew footage is more reliable as it can be cross checked
- Library based – the resources range from primary sources such as a diary collection to books and online subscription databases

You should know that the types of material needed in research varies dependant upon context requirement, time, funds, and stakeholder basis



# What materials are available in or through the library

- The Library offers a physical collection of 41,000 items which can either be used for reference or borrowed
- It also has nine subscription based electronic databases which are available for use from any where on the campus
- Finally there are two professionally trained librarians who offer a range of direct and indirect support dependent upon the level of need



# Library databases you should know as well as facebook – How to access them

How to access the databases the Library provides -

- Go to the university website at <https://www.ukh.edu.krd/libgeneralresources.php?libid=4&libgrid=4>
- Scroll down the list until you find the hyperlink for the database you wish to access and click on it
- Click on home page for the university access will appear



# Databases you should know as well as Facebook - AAPG Datapages

- ▶ This database is a key resource tool for all students and lecturers studying in the engineering and geology fields. It holds the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) Bulletins and Special Publications 'Archive', the 'Search and Discover' journal, and the Data pages Exploration Objects (DEO) service
- ▶ It is only available for use while working within the University campus grounds

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# Databases you should know as well as Facebook - OnePetro

- ▶ OnePetro is an online library of technical literature holding material from eighteen publishers and providing access to over 160,000 items on technical questions specifically relating to upstream oil and gas
- ▶ It is only available for use while working within the University campus grounds





# Databases you should know as well as Facebook – BBC Monitor

- ▶ This product captures information from over 3,000 mass media sources worldwide. Monitoring, selecting and translating information from radio, television, press, news agencies and the Internet from 150 countries in more than 100 languages. It operates a updating service 24 hours per day, every day; reporting on political and economic events from across fifteen broad topics. Valuable for it's currency, accuracy, and range
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# Databases you should know as well as Facebook – World Bank

- ▶ This database holds all backlist content of the World Bank since the 1990s with no content embargoes. The latest releases, events, and website improvements are easily found on the home page. The News section provides links to World Bank announcements, live events, and other information that users may find of interest. Special features and services include content alerts; personal accounts and mobile and chapter-level access across twenty eight topics
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# Databases you should know as well as Facebook - Ebscohost

- ▶ Ebscohost is a multi-disciplinary database containing full text material for more than 4,600 journals, including nearly 3,900 peer-reviewed titles. This database also offers indexing and abstracts for more than 8,500 journals and citation formats across all referencing styles. The subject coverage is broad including: computer sciences, engineering, physics, chemistry, language and linguistics, arts & literature, medical sciences and ethnic studies
- ▶ Currently this is the only licensed database available off campus grounds.



# Databases you should know as well as Facebook - JSTOR

- ▶ JSTOR is an electronic database that holds a journal collection of more than 2793 titles with digitised archives and 300 other current titles. The subject coverage is prolific using more than two million primary sources across four collections which enable it to support research and teaching
- ▶ It is only available for use while working on university campus grounds



## Confused?

- ▶ Look at the following class marks for research methodology related books in the library - 001.4, 300-301, 320.072, 378.125, 620.007, 650.072, and 808.02-808.0428
- ▶ Check the following websites for further support on research methodology:  
<http://www.library.cornell.edu/olinuris/ref/research/skill26.htm>  
and  
<http://www.library.cornell.edu/olinuris/ref/research/webeval.html>

