# Preparation Before Searching for Information 2022.2.27

- List Your Research Questions

- List Possible Keywords for Your Search

- Select Available Search Tools

# Search in Libraries or on the Internet?

- Strength of internet search engines: their flexibility

- Weakness of internet search: evaluating search results can be a challenge

- Advice:

- First search online to find what terms are commonly used in the field

- Then turn to the library

# What Different Sources Are Available?

- Scholarly Sources

- Peer-review

- Peer-reviewed Journal Articles（peer-reviewed journal articles should be the main source of information for your research project）

- Theses and Dissertations

- Working Papers, Statistical Reports, and Government Reports

# How Do You Conduct a Search Using Journal Article Databases?

- use And, Or, Not flexibly to expand or narrow your search

# How Do You Keep Organized Records of the Information Found?

- Notebooks and Index Cards

- Computer File Notes

- Citation Management Programs