

Nine Things Every College Student Should Know About

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Financial Literacy Search Tips

Throughout this semester, you will need to find resources for a various assignments. These search tips should help you find and evaluate resources.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me using the information I have provided at the bottom of each page. I would love to help!

Books

You can locate books on personal finance and financial planning by searching the following:

OU Libraries Discover Local (Catalog)

The majority of books in the OU Libraries' collection are academic resources, but there are some popular books as well.

TIP! Be sure to use the limiters on the left side of the screen to narrow your search by format, language, date, etc.

Journal and Newspaper Articles

You can locate articles of all kinds (scholarly articles, trade publications, popular magazines, etc.) by searching Academic Search Elite. Just go to the OU Libraries databases page at <https://libraries.ou.edu/eresources>, and it's the fourth title on the list. Use the keyword phrases suggested below or your own keywords to search.

REMEMBER: LIBRARIANS ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU FIND RESOURCES. PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT US!

<https://libraries.ou.edu/askus/>

Suggested Keywords for Searching

TIP! Use quotation marks to force a search engine to retrieve the two words as a phrase. For example:

Search "financial planning" instead of financial planning.

General

- Budgeting
- Student loans
- Credit cards
- Identity theft
- Consumer fraud
- Savings
- Investments
- Retirement planning
- Charitable giving

Websites

Search Google (or your favorite search engine) using the keywords above, your own keywords, or a combination of both. The Internet is a source of many useful resources, but – because almost anyone can create a website – it's very important to evaluate the sites you find. Here is a chart with questions you should ask to help you evaluate a source effectively:

The C.R.A.A.P. Test

C	Currency: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• When was the info published?• Is the info current or out-of-date?• When was the info last reviewed/revised?
R	Relevance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is the info at the right comprehension level?• How much discussion is provided?• Does the info stay on topic?
A	Authority: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Does the author provide credentials?• Does the author/organization provide relevant background info?• Is there contact info?
A	Accuracy: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Has the author provided citations?• How much bias is present?• Is the writing free from grammar and spelling errors?
P	Purpose: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is the purpose of the info?• Are advertisements present and labelled?• Are the authors objective or biased?

Source: California State Library, Chico, CA.