

**Library Resources for Success**  
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Librarians are available to present library and research-related sessions for your classes. On-campus and remote or recorded sessions can be scheduled. Contact your campus or distance librarian or email us at [asklibrarian@national.edu](mailto:asklibrarian@national.edu) to get started!

The library can be accessed via D2L or at <http://library.national.edu>.

**Resources to Remember:**

**APA page**

- The library's page on how to appropriately use APA style includes examples on how to set up a paper, use in-text citation, and create a reference page, as well as an example paper and a video tutorial.
- **How to use it:** Refer students to these resources if APA is problematic for them.

**Ask-A-Librarian**

- Ask-A-Librarian is an email reference service that is checked 7 days/week. Email any library-related question and we will find an answer!
- **How to use it:** Ask any questions you have! Or recommend to students who may be struggling with the research process – we're here to help!

**Campus Librarians**

- Campus librarians are available to help your students with research questions or to conduct research-related classes for your on ground or online students!
- **How to use it:** Contact your campus librarian or one of our distance librarians to set up an instruction session for your course or to record one.

### Credo General Reference

- Credo is a reference database that contains over 700 encyclopedias, dictionaries, almanacs, and other reference guides. It's a great place to search for short, factual or background information on a wide array of topics. Students can search for articles, images, & audio files. Credo contains a feature called "mind map," which can help students to brainstorm out a topic of interest.
- **How to use it:** Use Credo when students need help brainstorming topics or need basic factual information.

### Faculty Resources Page

- This page links you to curriculum resources, handouts for students, and resources you can use to help you publish your own work.
- **How to use it:** Use the faculty resources page anytime you need a reminder of which resources we have available to you or to grab our most-used handouts to share.

### Learning Express

- Learning Express contains a wealth of resources for students and instructors. This includes software tutorials on a variety of Microsoft products, tutorials on computer and Internet basics, skills help on math, reading, writing, science and grammar, and practice tests ranging from help on the GED to the GREs and program entrance exams.
- **How to use it:** It is a fantastic resource and can be used to help bolster students confidence and skills with basic math, writing, science, software, and more.

### Library Tutorials & Webinars

- Tutorials consist of PDFs or Captivate videos (3-7 min long) created to help students in a variety of ways, ranging from help accessing and using Library databases, to help with other research topics, such as APA citation and plagiarism. Webinars are longer, offering more in-depth information.
- **How to use them:** Share tutorials when students need help with the research process. Watch webinars in-class or as additional assignments.

### NBC Learn

- This database contains thousands of videos from the NBC news archives, ranging from business to current events to health, and much more.
- **How to use it:** Use in the classroom, either on-ground or online. They are a fantastic resource for any presentation or lesson plan, and can help spur discussion.

### Research Companion

- This library database contains 9 learning modules consisting of very short video tutorials to help with the research process.
- **How to use it:** Highlight these resources in classes with a research paper component, particularly intro courses.

### SIRS Researcher

- SIRS Researcher is a database that contains information about more than 300 of today's biggest and most controversial social issues. It contains articles on the origins, pros and cons, global perspectives, and essential questions under debate for these issues. It can be searched by group or topic, or browsed visually.
- **How to use it:** Use this when students need to pick or narrow down a topic, find current background information, or if an assignment is based on a controversial issue.

### Writing Center

- The Writing Center connects students to writing-related resources to help them with each stage of the writing process. It contains videos, handouts, sample papers, and more.
- **How to use it:** If a student is struggling with writing, connect them with relevant information from the Writing Center. The Writing Center also contains a link to Smarthinking tutors, should your students need additional writing support.

