Library & Writing Center Resources FAQ

Q: Where is the library?
A: You can find the NAU Online Library at http://library.national.edu.

Q: Where is the Writing Center?
A: You can find the NAU Writing Center at http://nauonline.edu/writingcenter.

Q: What is a subject librarian and how do I find mine?
A: A subject librarian is a specialist in their subject discipline. You can find your subject librarian here or through your Subject Guide by clicking on the “contact your librarians” link.

Q: Where can I find help choosing a topic for my paper?
A: Go to this page on the Writing Center to find tutorials and videos on finding a topic. Go to this page for techniques and templates for brainstorming a topic. You can also use this handout for more information on finding and narrowing a topic.

Q: How do I start searching for articles for my class?
A: Click on the Online Library’s Subject Guides tab and select a guide to find suggestions on starting your research.

Q: What is a peer-reviewed article and how do I find one?
A: Watch this tutorial to find out what a scholarly, peer-reviewed source is and how to find one from the NAU Online Library. This pdf also highlights how to quickly locate scholarly articles in the Online Library.

Q: I have a citation – how do I find the full text?
A: This pdf will show you how to find the full-text of an article from a citation.

Q: How do I find a good quality website for class?

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A: Before searching the internet, you should watch [this tutorial](#) to understand what makes a good quality website. You can also check out the librarian-approved, pre-screened websites under all of the subject guides.

**Q:** Where can I find help creating a thesis statement?

**A:** Go to [this page](#) on the Writing Center for help with drafting a thesis statement.

**Q:** Where can I find help organizing my paper?

**A:** The Writing Center has [many videos](#) on how to organize your paper, including help for creating [outlines](#) and [annotated bibliographies](#).

**Q:** Where do I go for help with my APA paper?

**A:** NAU uses the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of APA. For help with APA citation, review the Library’s Guide to [APA](#), which contains tutorials and handouts to help with APA.

**Q:** What is plagiarism and how can I avoid it?

**A:** This [plagiarism tutorial](#) is a good first step to understanding the subject, and the library has a longer [plagiarism webinar](#) for follow-up. If you need more help, please [contact a librarian](#) for further assistance!

**Q:** How do I contact someone to help me?

**A:** NAU librarians check [AskALibrarian email](#) 7 days a week, and you can expect an answer within 24 hours!

**Q:** How do I find a writing tutor?

**A:** NAU has some campus tutors as well as online tutors through Smarthinking. To learn more about NAU’s writing tutors, go to [this page](#).