Library & Writing Center Resources FAQ

Q: Where is the library?
A: You can find the NAU Online Library at https://national.libguides.com/library.

Q: Where is the Writing Center?
A: You can find the NAU Writing Center at https://national.libguides.com/encenter.

Q: What is a subject guide and how do I find the librarian?
A: A subject guide is a tool developed by a librarian to help students begin their research in a particular subject discipline. There are also course guides for some courses. You can find Subject or Course Guides here. You may choose to view the guides list alphabetically, by subject or by type (course guides, subject guides or general purpose guides). A librarian is listed on each guide or you may contact askalibrarian.

Q: Where can I find help choosing a topic for my paper?
A: Go to the Choose a Topic page on the Research Process Guide.

Q: How do I start searching for articles for my class?
A: In D2L, click on “Course Materials” and then “NAU Online Library” to find your Subject or Course guide. From the Online Library homepage, click on the Research tab and select Guides to find guides that can assist you in starting your research.

Q: What is a peer-reviewed article and how do I find one?
A: Go to the Identify and Locate Information page on the Research Process Guide.

Q: How do I find a good quality website for class?
A: Go to the Identify and Locate Information page on the Research Process Guide.

Q: Where can I find help creating a thesis statement?
A: Go to this page on the Writing Center, click on the tab marked Thesis tools or watch the Thesis videos for help with drafting a thesis statement.

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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 6th edition of APA. For help with APA citation, review the Library’s APA Guide, which contains tutorials and handouts to help with APA.

Q: What is plagiarism and how can I avoid it?
A: The Library’s Avoiding Plagiarism Guide is a great place to start understanding the subject. 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 7 days a week, and you can expect an answer within 24 hours!

Q: How do I find a writing tutor?
A: If you need help with your writing skills or would like help with a paper you are working on, Smarthinking can help! Smarthinking (aka Smart Thinking) is an online 24/7 tutoring service that can be accessed through D2L or the NAU Student Portal.