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. 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: Select your program from the Online Library's Subject Guide drop down tab and use the big search bar located there. If this is your first time using the NAU Online Library, please watch this tutorial first, to better understand how to search effectively.

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 tutorial 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?
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 6th edition of APA. For help with APA citation, review the Library’s APA Formatting & Style page, which contains a tutorial 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.