Over the course of this presentation, we will focus on tools that will assist you in your writing.

- How to identify and use UOPX Center for Writing Excellence tools for preparing/publishing journal articles
- How to effectively search the literature using search strategies, engines, and databases available at UOPX library.
List of Center for Writing Center Resources

Get Live Assistance

Many synchronous events and labs are available on writing and related topics. These services are accessible through WebEx® software and teleconference.

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Writing Help on PhoenixConnect

The Writing Help PhoenixConnect community is an extension of the support services provided by the Center for Writing Excellence. Within the conversation found in the Writing Help community, students can learn about resources and support tools, participate in discussions, share strategies, and get prompt responses to questions regarding important topics like grammar, APA format, and plagiarism.

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Review Important Grammar Topics

Step-by-Step Grammar Review (SBSGR) offers a simple and engaging way to review important grammar topics in a relaxing environment.

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Tutorials and Guides

The Tutorials and Guides page contains various resources that can help improve your writing skills. This section also contains information about the writing process and formatting academic essays.

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Welcome to Live Labs

Live Labs are open-study environments where you can find tutoring on writing, math, and more! Labs all operate on Arizona time, but schedules vary. Just click on the topic you want below for more information on individual labs, including session days and times. Come and go when you want during the session hours. All you need are a computer and a phone to get started. It's easy!

Writing

If you need help with starting your paper, proofreading, or citing sources, you've come to the write place. Center for Writing Excellence tutors are here to provide everything you need and answer any question about writing that you may have.

Writing Resources

Did you know that the university provides you with free writing assistance? This lab will help you become a better writer because you will leave knowing all of the tools and services at your disposal.

WritePoint® Lab

Have you ever wondered how to edit your paper after it's been reviewed? This lab will give you a better understanding of how to interpret and implement the comments provided by WritePoint®.

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<td>The writing process can be daunting, but don’t worry. This lab will give you a better understanding of how to approach your paper from start to completion.</td>
<td>Tuesdays 5-7 p.m.</td>
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<td>Plagiarism is bad! In this lab, you’ll learn how to correctly paraphrase and cite sources in your paper to avoid plagiarizing materials.</td>
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<td>This lab is all about the main ideas. You will come away knowing what a thesis statement is, how to write an effective one, and how to use it to create topic sentences for each paragraph of your paper.</td>
<td>Tuesdays 5-7 p.m. Saturdays 10-12 p.m.</td>
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- Browse the categories listed below
- Search this community – see if others are talking about your topic.
- Ask a question – The Center for Writing Excellence staff is here to answer your questions.

Managers: Benjamin Bowman, Amelia Eason

Categories
- APA Formatting
- Business Writing
- Grammar
- Plagiarism
- Thesis Statement
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Writing & Style Guidelines
- Writing & Style Guidelines (APA)
- Associate Level Writing Style Handbook
- Building Writing Confidence

APA Information
- APA Sample Paper: Undergraduate and Master’s
- APA Paper Template: 100-299
- APA Paper Template: 300-499
- APA Paper Template Master’s Level
- Reference and Citation Generator
- Riverpoint Writer
- Reference and Citation Examples
- APA Games
- APA Style Blog
- Formatting Tables and Figures

Avoiding Plagiarism
- Plagiarism Tutorial
- Student Code of Academic Integrity
- Plagiarism Guide
- Paraphrase Practice
- Plagiarism Checker Student Guide

Doctoral Writing Resources
- APA Paper Template: Doctoral
- APA Sample Paper: Doctoral
- Doctoral Writing Resources: The Website

Thesis Statement Development
- Automated Tool for Developing your Thesis Statement
- Thesis Statement Tutorial

Essay Development
- Writing Videos in the Media Library
- Guidelines for Writing Academic Essays
Paper Reviewing Services

The Plagiarism Checker promotes originality in student work and prevents plagiarism, either inadvertent or intentional. Plagiarism Checker instantly identifies papers containing material authored by another writer.

Submit Paper

View submitted papers »

WritePoint® Powered by Grammarly® provides an automated review of your written work. The service - available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - provides quick, meaningful feedback on grammar, usage, and spelling.

Review Paper

Learn more »
How to effectively search the literature using search strategies, engines, and databases available at UOPX library.

4 Part Research Strategy

1. Create a search strategy
2. Types of Information Needed
3. Evaluate Information
4. Manage Your Sources
Create a Research Strategy

Creating a research question or thesis statement

Identify the main concepts related to the research question

Construct a list of alternative terms or synonyms for your main concepts

When searching, combine and use the best terms rather than typing in your original question or phrase. Database logic is different than “Google” logic.
Types of Information Needed

Peer Reviewed or Scholarly Journals
Primary Sources
Empirical Research
Multimedia
Types of Information Needed… Cont

Library Resources

- General Resources
- Specialized Resources
- Books, Dissertations, and Theses
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- Government Resources
- Journal Indexes and Abstracts
- Multimedia
- Test Guides and Preparation
- Writing and Publishing Resources

- Choose Resources by Subject
- Subject Guides
- View All Resources Alphabetically
- Find a Specific Publication
### University Library Subject Guides

- Advanced Studies
- Biology
- Business
- Communication
- Counseling
- Criminal Justice
- Education
- English
- Environmental Science
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- History
- Human Service
- Information Systems and Technology
- Nursing
- Psychology
MULTIMEDIA

Academic Video Online
Located Under: Multimedia
Includes thousands of multidisciplinary video titles from a variety of producers and distributors such as BBC, PBS, CBS, and many more.

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Contains multimedia from a variety of EBSCOhost databases.

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Provides over 5,000 videos on a variety of topics.

Issues and Controversies
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Offers in-depth articles made to inspire thought-provoking debates and is updated weekly, with links to a 12-year back-file. Subject coverage includes business, politics, government, education, and popular culture.

World News Digest
Located Under: Multimedia
A compilation of professionally written news summaries describing events weekly around the world since 1940.
EVALUATING SEARCH RESULTS

- **Scope**: Do you need an overview of your topic or do you need specific information on your topic?

- **Currency**: How current is the information? Does it cover the time period that you are researching?

- **Authority**: Who is the author and what are their credentials?

- **Audience**: Who is your audience (how much detailed information do you need)?
EVALUATING WEBSITES

- Is there an author listed on the Website? Are the author’s credentials provided?

- Is there a date provided on the Website? Is the site current?

- Does the site appear to be biased?

- Are there products being sold on the site? Are there links to other sites and do those sites seem credible?
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REMINDER

NOT ALL RESOURCES WILL PULL UP IN THE SEARCH BOX!

As you establish your search strategy, you will want to go to each database that contains content on your topic.
If you have any questions regarding the Center for Writing Excellence: Various Tools that were described in this presentation

If you have any questions regarding the University Library:

Ask a Librarian: Located on the Library's homepage under the Services menu.

PhoenixConnect: Post a question or comment on the University Library’s Research Help community.

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