Library Resources for English Composition
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SERVICES

Reference and research assistance (In person, via email, or online using Ask a Librarian service)
Access to the Internet, Library resources, email, Blackboard, Web Advisor, Word, and more
Interlibrary loans and van delivery of library materials between Gateway campuses
Use of audiovisual equipment such as VCRs for library videos, DVD players
Borrowing privileges at all three Gateway College campus libraries with your student ID.
Over 96,000 items, including periodicals, computer software, books, and audiovisual materials.

ACCESS THE LIBRARY’S WEB PAGE at http://www.gtc.edu/library
Or click on the LIBRARY tab at the Gateway home page (www.gtc.edu)

Tutorials:
SEARCHPATH
Requesting a WISCAT Interlibrary Loan (pdf)
How Do I…? An Overview to Library Research (pdf)

Video Tutorials:
Ebscohost
Library Website Overview
Opposing Viewpoints
Proquest for Nursing Students
Services: Intercampus and Interlibrary Loans
STAIR
Using the Internet for Research
U.S. Government Web Sites

Try these TUTORIALS to learn more about Library resources or review what you have covered in class.

SEARCHPATH is a learning tool to test yourself on your knowledge of library resources.

“How do I…?” is an interactive PowerPoint. Click to open, & then choose a question, such as: How do I Request a book from another library? Cite my sources in ALA or MLA format? Find a journal article? Renew my borrowed items online? Evaluate an Internet web site? Get one-on-one research assistance?

Video Tutorials are brief (4-7 minutes), but informative.

Tell us what you think about the Library by completing the online Library Surveys.
SEARCH the ONLINE CATALOG for BOOKS, VIDEOS, and DVDs

On the Library web page, click on Gateway Online Catalog. When you enter the catalog, you will be at the search screen. Type your search term(s) in the text box. Search Tips: enter words relating to your topic, use quotes to search phrases: "world wide web", use + to mark essential terms: +explorer, use * to mark important terms: *internet, use ? to truncate: browser.

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The Results list gives you the location (which library, which collection, call number) and the availability status of the item, or if it is an electronic resource, a link to the web site.

Click on the Title of the item if you are interested in finding out more information about it.

If the item is located at another campus, print the brief record and take it to library staff to order through intercampus van delivery (takes 2-3 working days, no cost to you)

To print, save or email the results of your search, see Record Options at the bottom of the page.

You can LIMIT your search to one campus or one format.

Ideas for Sample Searches: Stem cell research, freedom of speech, Internet, mass media, prisons, parenting, Wal-mart, abortion, prison reform, drug abuse, Iraq war, terrorism, global warming, teen pregnancy.

Try these phrases to get a list of books on controversial issues: “Opposing Viewpoints” or “Current Controversies” or “At Issue.” Remember to use the quotation marks around the phrase.

To search the catalog of other colleges and public libraries, click on the MultiLibrary Search button.

Find Books & AV

Gateway Online Catalog
Other Library Catalogs
WISCAT
NetLibrary Electronic Books

Under Other Library Catalogs you will find links to Kenosha Public Library, Racine Public Library, Carthage College Library, UW-Parkside Library, and the Lakeshores Library System (Walworth County).

WISCAT is a combined catalog of Wisconsin libraries. You can “Request this item” online, or ask a Librarian to do it for you.

The Gateway Library Catalog will show location and availability.

Intercampus van delivery: If the item is located at another Gateway campus library, print the brief record and ask library staff to have it sent to the campus of your choice. It takes around 2 working days, at no cost to you.

Interlibrary Loan: If the item is located at another college or public library, print the brief record and ask library staff to borrow it for you. Borrowing materials from non-Gateway libraries can take about 7-10 days to process.
Finding Magazine and Journal Articles for English Composition

What is a Periodical?
A Periodical is a publication issued at regular intervals such as daily, monthly, or annually. Types of periodicals include newspapers, magazines, scholarly journals, newsletters, and professional or trade journals. Gateway Technical College offers students access to over 300 periodicals in print and 5500 in online databases.

What is a Periodical Database?
It is an electronic collection of citations and often full text articles from magazines, journals, newspapers, and other periodicals. Gateway Technical College Libraries offer access to over 5000 electronic, full text periodicals.

Comparing Magazine and Journal Articles

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SEARCH ONLINE DATABASES for ARTICLES

Under Databases (Articles) on the Library web page, choose a database according to your subject interests.

**EBSCOhost** offers access to 19 different databases, including Academic Search, Science Reference Center, History Reference Center, Literary Reference Center, Nursing & Allied Health, CINAHL, Business Source, Military & Government Collection, and Newspaper Source with 230 newspapers + full text television and radio news

**Gale Group:**
- **Opposing Viewpoints** has full text articles that argue both sides of controversial topics
- **Business & Company Resource Center** has articles on business and financial topics.

**WilsonWeb:** Multidisciplinary, 100% full text database

**ProQuest:**
- Nursing & Allied Health journals
- Criminal Justice periodicals

Follow instructions for logging in! Most require your student ID number, preceded by gtc.

There are Guides to the databases and the online catalog linked to the Login screens.

You can print, save, or email the articles you find. Some databases will even create an MLA citation.

Searches in any database can be limited to full text (the whole article, not just the citation) and peer-reviewed (scholarly journals only, not popular magazines or newspapers.) You can limit to a specific publication, or to a date or publication. Select those options before conducting your search.

Sample searches:
- Use OR when either phrase will do (Global warming OR greenhouse effect)
- Use AND when you want only articles with BOTH or ALL terms (children AND television AND violence)
- Use the truncation symbol * to bring up variants of a word: nurse* retrieves (nurse, nurses, nursing)
- Use NOT to exclude certain terms, like “children NOT infants”
Try searching one database: Gale Group: Opposing Viewpoints

On the Library home page, under Databases (Articles) select Gale Group, then Opposing Viewpoints. Follow LOGIN instructions!

NOTE: You can limit your search to only Academic Journals, News, Multimedia, or to Websites. Advanced Search allows you to be more precise in your search.

Select a full text article from the Results List.

Look in the left column for related subject terms.

Click on the link directly beneath the title called How to Cite, or on Full-text to read the article.

Each article will argue one side of a controversial issue. Read several articles to understand both positions and be better able to present the reasons for your position.

Citing Your Sources Using MLA Style

The sources you use should be listed at the end of each paper you write. The purpose of such a list is to acknowledge the research and credit the work of scholars upon which your report is based. The Modern Language Association (MLA) has developed a uniform method of citing sources that is called MLA format.

On the GTC Library’s web page, under Electronic Resources, click on Citation Styles.

Select MLA Documentation to link to The Writing Center of the University of Wisconsin Madison.

OR USE: Landmark’s Son of Citation Machine. It will format your citation for you. Click on MLA, then select the kind of resource you want to cite. Fill in the blanks with the information required. Click SUBMIT. You will now see your source as a correct MLA citation.

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The Academic Support Center on each campus also has samples of correct citations and they will help you.