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Introduction to the Library

Essential Skills

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The aims of session ...

The aim of today's session is to consider the importance of academic information and to demonstrate how to find and manage it using library resources.

We will consider:

- How to evaluate information.
- Where to begin searching for academic information.
- Online resource lists.
- How to search for, save and manage information using the library catalogue.
- How to find your way around the library web pages – and where to find help.



Academic infoskills...

01

Identify

02

Find

03

Evaluate

04

Apply

05

Acknowledge



Where do you begin?



Video



[Video](#)



Research Process



Searching for academic information

Online Resource Lists

Find on Moodle or library web pages. Resources recommended by your lecturers, made available by the library. Accessible by direct link. [Start here.](#)

Moodle / Teams

Additional resources from lecturers may be found here. Communication with peers. [Be aware of what is happening here.](#)

Library resources

Good print resources, but most information now available online, 24/7. Subscribed, up-to-date, academically credible content, in your subject area. [Explore and build here.](#)

Google and the internet

Evaluate. No subscribed content, little quality control, limited ability to refine. Understand what you are looking at ... and what you are not looking at! [Be wary here.](#)



What is an Online Resource List?

Principles of analytics (BMPD3001)

Home / Courses / BMPD3001 / Enrolment options

Enrolment options

Principles of analytics (BMPD3001)

Editing Teacher: Natasha Davies
Editing Teacher: Julie Thomas

You cannot enrol yourself in this course.

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Module Feedback
Questionnaire

Module Search

Go

Online Resource Lists

BMPD3001 Principles of
Analytics (4 items)

Last updated about 6 months
ago

Moodle



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New Search

Online Resource Lists

Browse eJournals

Database Search

Newspaper Search

Need More?

...

Search anything

Search everything

ADVANCED SEARCH

All items

that contain my query words

anywhere in the record

Sign in to get complete results and to request items

Sign in

DISMISS

Find Lists

Search List: BMPD3

Course Status: Active

Academic Department: All

Publication Status: PUBLISHED

Advanced Search

Found 2 lists

BMPD3001 Principles of Analytics

PUBLISHED BMPD3001 (2022-50) 2 instructors Updated 5 months ago 4 items in 2 sections

BMPD3003 Essentials of People Practice

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Why should I use an online resource list?

- Prioritised Essential and Further resources recommended by lecturers.
- Easy to use, direct links to live content or loan information.
- Interact with your lecturers and peers.
- Create your own Collection of favourite resources - organise your information and keep details for reference lists.



[Online resource lists](#)

Resource lists are a starting point – do not limit yourself!

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*Students who
use library
resources
outperform
those who
don't ...*



The library provides **FREE** access to...

- Specialist databases
- Ebooks
- Ejournals
- Visual media, e.g. videos
- Newspapers



- Conference proceedings
- Technical standards
- Legal information
- Statistical data
- Company and industry reports

Finding your way around the library web pages

Online tour around the library web pages

- Welcome page.
- Scroll for more.
- Libraries and opening hours.
- Using our libraries
- Library resources
- Infoskills - check these out!
- Contact the library.

The library web pages can be found at: <https://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/library/>

Also, on Moodle, UWTSD Quick Links - or search for *UWTSD library*.



Library catalogue

Search for information

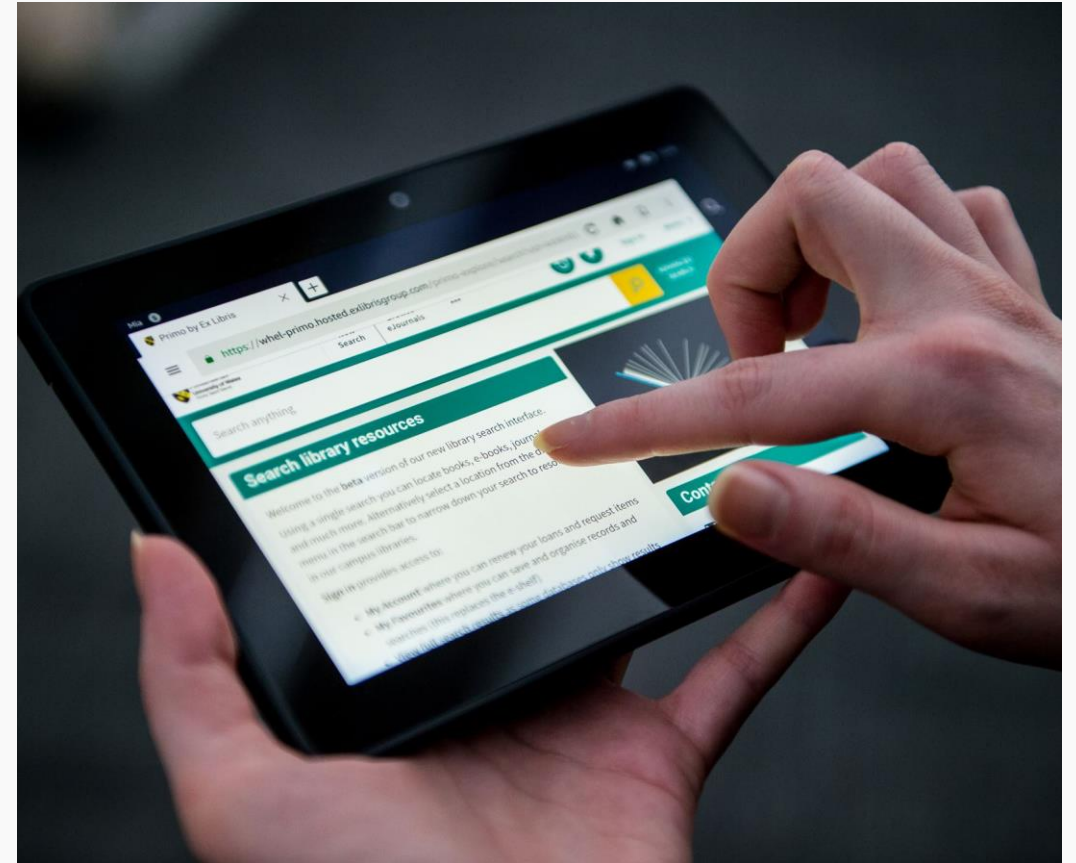
- Books – electronic and print.
- Peer reviewed journal articles.
- And much more ...

Manage information

- Save favourite items and add labels.
- Save queries and set alerts.

Also Online Resource Lists.
Database Search.
Need More?

[Library Search](#)



Refresher: [Basic Skills: Finding and Using Information](#)

You can also ...

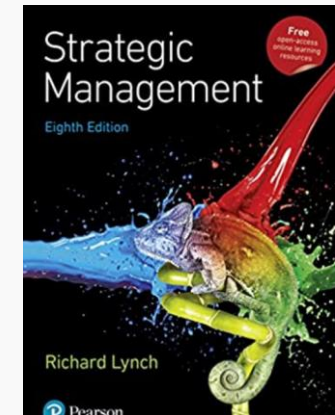
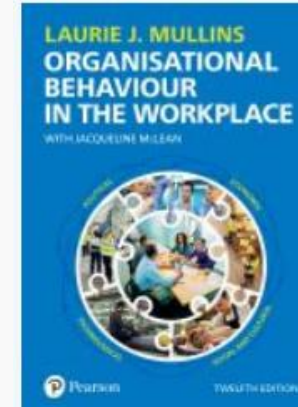
- Check loan information, make requests.
- Save favourite resources.
- Organise saved information - add labels, set alerts.
- Find help with referencing, export to RefWorks.



Types of information

Books

- Cover subject or topic area in detail
- **Good for background, theory and established work**
- Do not cover latest research



Journals

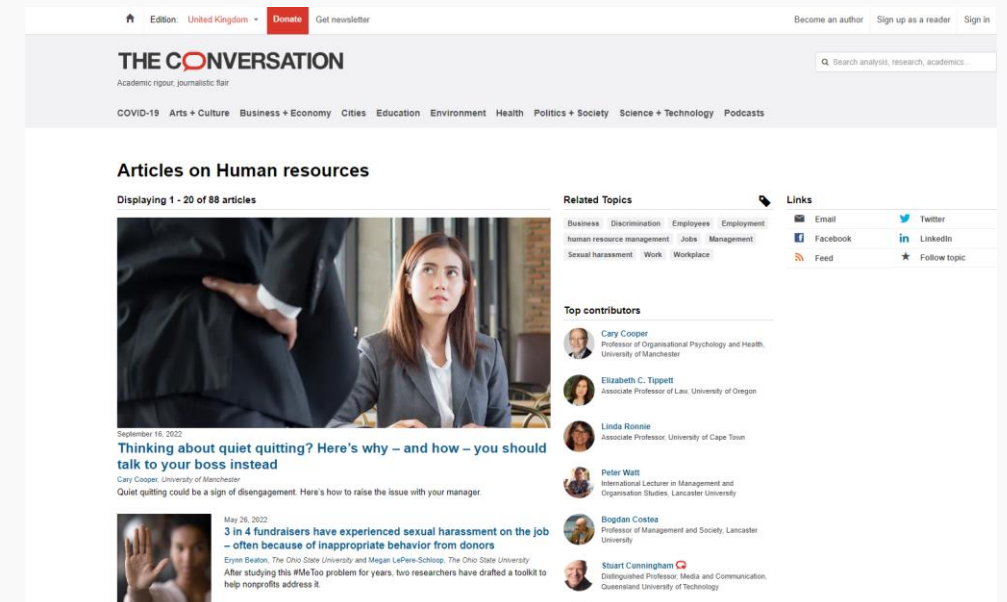
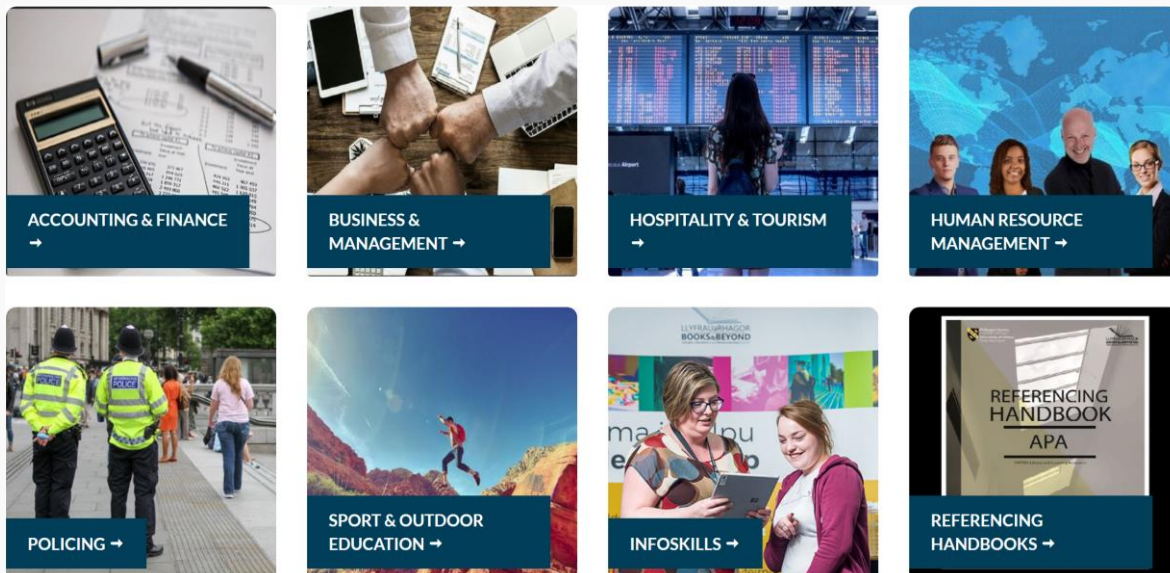
- Regular publications written by researchers
- Most reliable sources with **latest research**
- Do not cover background information, are specific and can be technical.



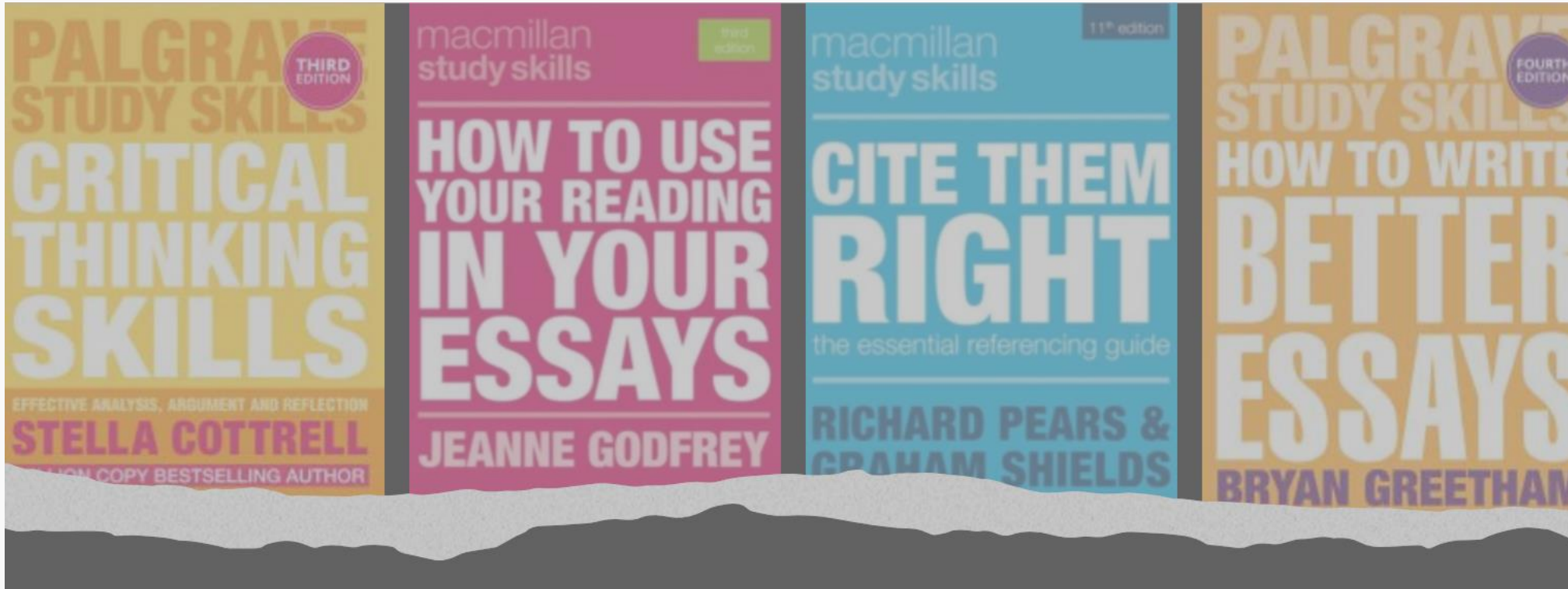
Other Sources of Information

[Student Essentials](#) > [Getting Started Guides](#)

[The Conversation](#)



Useful Study Skills Resources



N.B.
Check out our [Studyskills and reference resource list](#) for further titles and support

[Critical Thinking](#)

[Use Reading In Your Essays](#)

[Cite Them Right](#)

[Write Better Essays](#)



Help is always available...

General queries and help with library loans: library@uwtsd.ac.uk

For search and subject related help:

Lisa Ellis, Academic Liaison Librarian: l.ellis@uwtsd.ac.uk

For help and advice in improving your digital skills:

Jessica Hill, Digital skills advisor: j.hill@uwtsd.ac.uk

Check out our online infoskills programmes to improve your search technique:

[Academic and Infoskills](#)



Library Chat

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