

## **Common Questions asked by UNIV 112/200 students: A 4-part video series**

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### **Video 1: Research Topics and Keywords**

#### **[Video link](#)**

- What are some methods to make a research question more specific? (Question answered at 2:06)
  - [Develop Research Topics Guide](#)
- What if my research question is *too* narrow and I can't find enough sources? How can I make it broader without being too broad? (Question answered at 4:29)
  - [Develop Research Topics Guide](#)
- How can I find the best keywords? (Question answered at 6:50)
  - [WordHippo.com](#) and [Thesaurus.com](#)
- How can I rule out certain keywords? (Question answered at 9:42)

### **Video 2: Books, Databases, and Sources**

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- How do I find a book and check it out? (Question answered at 1:28)
  - [Find Books on the Shelf](#)
- Which databases will give you the best resources? (Question answered at 3:46)
  - [Research Guides](#)
- Sources: how to find up-to-date information? How old is too old/out of date? (Question answered at 6:10)
- How to narrow/filter results? (Question answered at 6:10)
  - [Videos on using the VCU Libraries Search](#) (includes info on filtering)
- What are some indicators of a quality source? (Question answered at 10:49)
  - [Evaluate My Sources](#)
- What makes a source credible, or more credible than another? (Question answered at 10:49)
- Accessing sources: both through VCU and from other libraries (Question answered at 16:41)
  - [Interlibrary Loan](#)
- Do books go through peer-review like articles? (Question answered at 18:10)

### **Video 3: Citation and Quoting**

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- How do you cite something when some of the information is missing? (Question answered at 1:14)
  - [Cite My Sources and Avoid Plagiarism](#)
  - [VCU Writes!](#)
- Do you have to cite after each sentence, even if multiple sentences are talking about the same source? (Question answered at 3:36)
  - [Yes!!](#)
- What is common knowledge? (Question answered at 6:40)
- Should I trust a citation that a website containing my source provides me with? Are citation generators reliable? (Question answered at 8:01)

- Can you change or remove words from a direct quote? (Question answered at 10:51)
- What to do if there is only a part of a sentence that I want to quote? Do I have to write out the entire sentence? (Question answered at 10:51)

#### **Video 4: Miscellaneous**

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- How to find general purpose (broad info) about a subject (Question answered at 1:27)
- How do you find valid popular sources? (Question answered at 6:17)
  - [Substantive Sources Guide](#)
- What are the most credible websites? .org., .com, etc. (Question answered at 10:48)
- Best way to find primary sources? (Question answered at 12:10)
  - [Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary Sources](#)
- How to find sources if the research topic is very current? (Question answered at 13:49)
  - [How Do I Use Google for My Research](#)
- How can I get help or ask a librarian a question? (Question answered at 18:28)
  - [Ask Us](#)