

# My COM 496 Research Plan

Make your own copy of this Research Plan and save it to your Google Drive.

My research topic/question:

## Search Terms / Keywords

Write down all search terms that you can think of that would lead to information about your topic.

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Useful Starting Points: Reference Sources (bibliographies, encyclopedias, dictionaries, methods, etc)

See [Communication Research Guide](#)

- Oxford Bibliographies - Communication
- Gale EBooks
- Oxford Research Encyclopedias: Communication
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List potential words that you need to define or reference books that may be useful for your research.

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## General databases useful for most topics

See [Articles & Research Databases](#) or [Communication Research Guide](#)

- UW Libraries Search (search box on [Libraries' homepage](#))
- Academic Search Complete
- Web of Science
- Google Scholar (Configure your [Google Scholar settings](#))

## Scholarly Disciplines & Research Guides

Write down the disciplines most likely to cover your research topic. Consult the list of UW Libraries [Research Guides](#).

- Communication
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## UW Librarians

Write the names and email addresses of librarians listed on the research guides for your topic.

- Jessica Albano [jalbano@uw.edu](mailto:jalbano@uw.edu)
- Madeline Mundt [mundtm@uw.edu](mailto:mundtm@uw.edu)
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## Discipline/Subject Article & Research Databases

List potential database(s) that may be useful for your research.

- Communication Source
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## Possible search statements

Write down the terms you'll actually type into the databases.

Consider using connectors: AND, OR, NOT.

Consider using "" around phrases (examples: "United States", "former Soviet republics", "motion picture") and the \* truncation symbol (examples: communic\*, Christian\*, Protestant\*, educat\*).

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## Articles/Books related to my topic

Write down at least one citation to a book or article related to your topic. Download or email the citations/fulltext to yourself.

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## Use what we found to find more

- Look at the bibliographies/reference lists of your sources to see if there are other sources listed that might be helpful
- Use [Google Scholar](#) to see who has cited the item you are using
- Use subject headings in catalogs and databases to find more sources or search terms

## Reminders & Extras

### Get more help with your research

- Use the [UW Libraries Ask Us! Service](#)
- Email Jessica ([jalbano@uw.edu](mailto:jalbano@uw.edu)) or Madeline ([mundt@uw.edu](mailto:mundt@uw.edu)), your Comm librarians
  - Use their online schedulers to make an appointment (<https://guides.lib.uw.edu/research/commstudies>)

### Research Tools

- Sage Research Methods
  - [Project Planner](#)
- [Citation Management Software](#)
  - [Make an appointment](#) for help with Citation Management Software
- [Undergraduate Researcher Tutorial](#)

### Accessing UW Libraries Materials from Home

- [Connecting to UW-Libraries from Off-Campus](#)
  - Husky OnNet (VPN)
  - Proxy Bookmarklet
- [Connect Google Scholar to UW Libraries](#)

### Extras!

- [Library Research Award for Undergraduates](#)