If you are looking for journal articles, you will need to log in to one of our online journal databases. You can do this by using your myUIU username & password (please contact the UIU Information Technology Help Center at 563-425-5876 or helpdesk@uiu.edu if you unsure of your myUIU id). You should only have to do one myUIU login per session—as long as you do not close your browser, you’ll be able to move from one database to another.

Scholarly Articles vs. Magazine Articles
The online library databases will include both “scholarly” journal articles AND magazine articles. What is the difference? "Magazine" is often used to describe a popular periodical like Time or People. “Journal” is used to describe a scholarly periodical that is written by experts. Journal articles tend to be longer and provide extensive citations to additional research. When looking for Scholarly articles in the databases, make sure to limit your results to “scholarly” or “peer-reviewed” results only.

Use the following to find journal & magazine articles in the online library:
- InfoTrac (general subjects)
- EBSCOhost (general subjects, including education, nursing, psychology, sports, and many more)
- ABI/Inform—Global and Proquest Entrepreneurship (business-related articles)
- Criminal Justice Periodical Index (criminal justice-related articles)
- OCLC FirstSearch (general subjects)
- Lexis-Nexis (news, business, and legal publications)
- JSTOR (general subjects with an emphasis on arts and sciences)

First, choose a database to search. They will be found near the top of the online library homepage (www.uiu.edu/library) in the “Journal Articles” drop-down menu. InfoTrac and EBSCOHost are good ones to start with since they cover many different subjects. If you’re looking for business articles, you will probably also want to use ABI/Inform—Global and/or Proquest Entrepreneurship. If you need articles dealing with criminology, you’ll want to search in the Criminal Justice Periodical Index.

Instructions for logging into these databases:

- **InfoTrac** – Choose InfoTrac on the main library page (in the “Journal Articles” drop-down menu). Enter your myUIU id. Click “Proceed”. You can search both databases at once, or just select one, depending on your research topic. Click “Submit”. The “Subject Guide Search” screen will come up. You can begin there, or you may want to click on “Home Page” or “Advanced Search” in the orange bar to begin your search instead (**I prefer to use the Basic Search, NOT the Subject Guide Search**). You can also limit your results to only full-text documents and/or peer-reviewed publications. When the list of results comes up, if you are looking for “scholarly” articles make sure Academic Journals is highlighted in the “Content Types” box on the left of the page. You can also create an account in order to save your articles in your own personal folder.

- **EBSCOhost** – Select EBSCOhost from the drop-down “Journal Articles” menu on the library homepage (www.uiu.edu/library), click “Go” and enter your myUIU id. Under “Select New Service”, choose “EBSCOhost Web”. Numerous databases will appear in a list—read through the provided descriptions to determine which ones will most likely fit your research needs. Check the box in front of the ones you would like to use for your search, and click “Continue”. Search away! *Click “Sign In” to create a free folder which will allow you to collect information, articles and searches you plan on reusing.
ABI/INFORM Global, Proquest Entrepreneurship, and Criminal Justice Periodical Index -- After highlighting one of these databases in the “Journal Articles” drop-down menu on the library homepage (www.uiu.edu/library), click “Go”. Enter your myUIU id. You will be taken to the Proquest basic search screen where you can search all 3 databases at once, or narrow it down and search only one subject area (Business or Criminal Justice).

**SOME TIPS:**

- Not everything in the databases is going to be full articles, so if you’re having trouble finding entire articles, make sure to limit your search to “full-text only”—contact us if you’re unable to find this option in the database—or if there’s anything you want that ISN’T full-text you can contact our interlibrary loan person and she can in many cases get it for you (libraryill@uiu.edu).

- Use **keywords** in your search. For example, instead of searching for "should cell phones be banned while driving", search for "cell phones and driving".

- Each of the databases will also give you a box to mark to limit the articles you find to those that are “scholarly” or “peer-reviewed”. If your professor has indicated that you must use scholarly journals, make sure you check this box. It will be found in different places in the different databases, so if you’re having trouble locating it, please contact us.

- **DO NOT** use eBook Collection (EBSCO) to find journal articles. This is only for ebooks. The EBSCO you want to use for journal articles is listed under “Journal Articles”.

- You can find links to helpful websites for citation styles, grammar, writing help, etc. under the “Writing & Citation Aids” drop-down menu on the library homepage. In addition, most of the online databases will automatically create citations for you. **Make sure to choose the style that your professor requires (APA, MLA, etc)**, and double-check to see that it was formatted correctly.

- **DO NOT** use Full-Text Finder to find journal articles (you use Full-Text Finder to find out if we have access to a particular journal, not a general search for articles. For example, if you were on the internet and found an abstract for an article in the Journal of Education, you could use Full-Text Finder to see if we have access to that journal in one of the library databases.)

**Why do professors want you to use Scholarly Journal Articles?**

Scholarly journal articles are unique in that they REQUIRE authors to document and make verifiable the sources of the facts, ideas, and methods they used to arrive at their insights and conclusions. Scholarly journal articles, unlike web-based or popular magazine articles, are designed and structured to provide the elements necessary to most thoroughly evaluate the validity and truth of an author's position.

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