**VIRGO, the online catalog**

*http://search.lib.virginia.edu*
- Catalog of the U.Va. collections of books, journal articles, journals, video recordings, manuscripts etc.
- Renew books, request interlibrary loans

**Research Portal**

*http://www.library.virginia.edu/research/*
- “Popular” databases; Subject guides; A-Z list of databases; databases by type of information – government information, maps, newspapers; research “tips & tools.”

**English Subject Guide**

*http://guides.lib.virginia.edu/English*
- Links to MLA, Literature Online and other literary databases.

**MLA Bibliography**
- Articles & books on literature in all languages. Includes articles on other arts, e.g. movies.

**The Johns Hopkins Guide to Literary Theory & Criticism**

*http://litguide.press.jhu.edu/*
- A full-text searchable database of articles on individual critics and theorists, critical and theoretical schools and movements, and the critical and theoretical innovations of specific countries and times.

**Academic Search Complete**
- Large general database of articles from scholarly journals and a few newspapers on many topics. Also includes reference books, biographies, speeches and other primary source documents.

**Philosophy Subject Guide**

*http://guides.lib.virginia.edu/philosophy*
- Philosopher’s Index
  *http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip,uid&profile=ehost&defaultdb=phl*
- Lists and abstracts books and articles in over 300 journals from philosophy and related disciplines.

**Sociology Subject Guide**

*http://guides.lib.virginia.edu/sociology*
- Starting place for sociology research. Links to both U.Va. subscription databases (*Soc Abstracts*) and web resources (*General Social Survey)*.

**UVA Women’s Studies Subject Guide**

*http://guides.lib.virginia.edu/womenstudies*
- Excellent source for links to databases and statistics on gender, women, sexuality, etc.

**JSTOR**
- Contains older issues of scholarly journals, from first publication to 3-5 years ago.
SERVICES

INTERLIBRARY LOAN (ILL)
http://www.library.virginia.edu/services/ils/
U.Va. doesn’t have what you need? No problem. We’ll borrow it from another library, or have an article scanned and emailed directly to you.

REFERENCE
http://www.library.virginia.edu/askalibrarian/
We are available to help with your research daily from 8am-midnight. You can chat, email, phone, text, or come visit a library in person!

RESEARCH CONSULTATIONS
http://guides.lib.virginia.edu/sociology
Don’t know how to focus your topic, or find on-point academic articles, or just the right statistic to support your view? You know your topic and interest, I know research resources. I might just be able to help. Give it a try! Office hours: Tuesdays from 3-5pm
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TOOLS

EZ PROXY
http://www.library.virginia.edu/services/off-grounds-access/
♦ Connect to U.Va.’s databases from your apartment or home.
♦ Be sure to go to the database via a U.Va. Library page, then just Netbadge in. Simple!

RefWorks
http://www.refworks.com
♦ Format bibliographies and citations automatically in over 400 styles including ASA, MLA, etc. Use in conjunction with WORD to write papers, dissertations, etc.
♦ Access your RefWorks account from any computer, anywhere

WRITING HELP
http://guides.lib.virginia.edu/writinghelp
♦ Tips & how to avoid plagiarism.

EVALUATING WEB RESOURCES
♦ Currency – check the date of the page. When was it last updated?
♦ Reliability – verify facts. Is the page accurate?
♦ Authority – who created the page? Is the author an expert in the subject of the page? Is there independent evidence of that – news interviews (think a Lexis/Nexis search), congressional testimony?
♦ Purpose – why was the page created? Is it a mask for advertising? An “unbiased” non-profit might not be so “unbiased.” Even .mil and .gov pages may have a point of view.

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