



Secrets Of My Research Success: Final Assessment

Please indicate which library course(s) you have taken:

LIBS150 UCSP610/611 NONE

1. What are the reasons to create a search statement?

- a) To save time
 - b) Because different databases may use different vocabulary
 - c) To get more relevant results
 - d) All of the above
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2. Which Boolean operator would you use in a search statement to join keywords if you wanted to find results that included all of the keywords from the search statement?

- a) AND
 - b) OR
 - c) NOT
 - d) NONE
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3. If you wanted to search for a specific phrase in a database, which searching technique would you use::

- a) Add an asterisk (*) to the end of the phrase
 - b) Use the Boolean operator OR between the phrase words
 - c) Insert quotation marks around the phrase
 - d) Insert parentheses around the phrase
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4. Where is the best place to locate a list of possible databases relevant to a specific subject area?

- a) The main UMUC Web site
- b) WebTycho
- c) The 'Search by Subject' section of the UMUC Library Web site

d) None of the above

5. What factors will determine the database that you use?

- a) Topic
 - b) Perspective
 - c) Both 'a' and 'b'
 - d) The name of the database
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6. If too many articles are retrieved in a database search, what should be done?

- a) Nothing
 - b) The topic should be narrowed down further and search limiters should be used
 - c) The databases shouldn't be searched and the Internet should be used instead
 - d) The databases shouldn't be searched and the library catalog (catalogUSMAI) should be used instead
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7. How can you get an article if it is not available full-text in the database?

- a) You can't - there is no way to get it
 - b) Click on the Find It button
 - c) Order it from DocumentExpress
 - d) Both 'b' and 'c'
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8. Which of the following factors would NOT be used when evaluating an article for use in a research paper?

- a) The article title
 - b) Who the intended audience is
 - c) How objective or biased the article is
 - d) The date the article was published
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9. Which of these items does NOT apply to academic/scholarly/peer-reviewed articles?

- a) They undergo a rigorous review process to ensure the facts are correct
 - b) They offer a high level of reliability
 - c) They are written by an expert in the field
 - d) They are found in popular magazines
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10. Which methods can you use to contact a UMUC librarian?

- a) By phone, email, and chat
 - b) By phone, email, chat, instant messaging, and face-to-face appointments
 - c) By email only
 - d) You can't contact them
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11. How can you determine if information found on the Internet is reliable?

- a) Ask a friend
 - b) Look at the authority, accuracy, objectivity, currency, and coverage of the material
 - c) Assume that if it is on the Internet, it has to be true
 - d) Assume that if it is on the Internet, it is definitely unreliable
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12. What may be some of the consequences of plagiarism?

- a) A failing grade
 - b) Expulsion from the university
 - c) All of the above
 - d) None of the above
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13. What resources does the library provide to assist you with citation?

- a) Citation guides and tutorials
 - b) Access to RefWorks, an online bibliographic management tool
 - c) Both 'a' and 'b'
 - d) The library does not provide any resources to assist with citation
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