Research at the UMD Libraries

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Becoming a Researcher

- Transitioning from an undergraduate student to a graduate student
- Research Cycle and Planning
- Identifying source type and appropriateness
- How to use the UMD Libraries
- Evaluation
- Managing multiple resources
- Guided search and one-on-one help
Philosophy of Research: Questioning

- Why this topic? What is it that interests you?
- What previous knowledge do you have?
- Are there author anchor-points?
- What are the trends in your field?
- What do you want to know?
- What does the information you’re looking for look like?
- What will your end-product require?
Philosophy of Research: Stages

- Initiation
- Selection
- Exploration
- Formulation
- Collection
- Presentation
- Assessment*

Philosophy of Research: The Research Cycle

- Hypothesis and new questions
- ID related works & authors
- ID related topics
- Where does your topic fit within your area of research?
- Synthesize
- Analyze
- Read
- Revision/trial and error
- Targeted searching
- Keywords and synonyms
- Wiki/Google searching
- Rephrasing
- Heart of the problem
- Research Questions and Brainstorming
- Prior knowledge
- ID need and scope
- Start again

FEARLESS IDEAS
What is the lasting effect
of the Pinochet Decade on
the population of Chile?

Sociadder
Allende: Popular Unity Revolt

Pinochet

General President
Señor

Junta, coup d'état

Dictatorship

Military

Dictators

Disappeared
Disappearance

Letter writers

Artists
Culture of Resistance
Los Prisioneros

The Church
(Catholicism)

People of Chile

Upper Class
Middle Class
Working Class

Recession

Indigenous groups

Labor unions

Women

Pinochet [AND OR NOT]

Middle Class

Pinochet [AND OR NOT]

Mothers

The effect of General "disappearance"
at the hands of State & Militar
Getting Started

• Applying the Research Cycle
• Thinking like a computer
• Identifying where to find certain info
• The differences & similarities
  • Databases
  • Catalogs
  • Search engines
How to use University Libraries

• Research web/ brainstorming
• Connect the ideas
• Keyword creation and connection
• Strategic searching
  • Boolean
  • Keywords and Subjects
  • Truncation
  • Limiters
Managing all Those Resources

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FEARLESS IDEAS
What we Covered & Where to Find Help

• The basics of the Research Cycle
• The UMD Library System particulars
• How to use the databases
• Tools for organization
• Research Guides and Subject Librarians
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