

Before You Start

1. Decide on a research topic. Try to be specific.
2. Think of keywords for your topic, including synonyms (e.g. mental illness = psychological disorders, doping = steroids or performance-enhancing drugs).
3. Think of subjects that might discuss your topic (e.g. “solitary confinement” might be studied in Criminology, Law, Psychology, or Sociology).

Finding Books

1. Visit UNB Libraries homepage: <http://lib.unb.ca/>
 - you may need to log in with STU ID and password
2. Search UNB Worldcat
 - limit your search to “UNB Libraries” if you don’t have time to order materials from other universities, or “Libraries Worldwide” if you do
3. Enter your search terms as keyword, and click Go
4. Browse results
 - under Format on left side of screen, limit to Books if you want to eliminate videos, government documents, etc.
5. If one book looks promising, click on the title for more information
 - scroll down to read book summary or view table of contents
6. For ebooks, click on View eBook
 - ebook will open in new screen: if it doesn’t, make sure the pop-up blocker on your browser is turned off
7. For print books, check availability
 - location will tell you which UNB library has the book, and what section of the library the book is found in (e.g. HIL-STACKS mean the Harriet Irving Library main shelves)
 - call number will help you find the book on the shelves
 - if the book is checked out, or located in Saint John, click on Request Item to recall the book: it could take between 2 days to 2 weeks for the item to arrive

Finding Journal Articles

1. Visit UNB Libraries homepage: <http://lib.unb.ca/>
 - you may need to log in with STU ID and password if accessing off campus
2. Select Article Databases tab
3. Browse Databases by Subject
 - select subject from dropdown menu (e.g. Criminology, Sociology)
4. Choose a database from the list under Top Article & Research Databases
 - database will open in new window
4. Enter keywords in database search engine
5. Browse results
 - change/add search terms or publication date if there are too many results
6. Click on article titles for more information
 - email record to yourself or use Cite function to build your bibliography
7. View, download, and save journal article
 - look for PDF icon, Linked Full Text, or Download button
 - you may need to Check for Full Text and be redirected to another site
 - if the full text is unavailable, you can order it clicking **Request Item**.

For more information, visit <http://lib.unb.ca/research/> or visit the Research Help Desk, 1st floor, Harriet Irving Library.