

Selecting a Database:

What are databases? An online database is a collection of data that may be easily retrieved by a computer search. They provide a starting place for finding magazine, journal, and newspaper articles on a specific topic. The Library offers a large number of databases that will help you do research for class assignments.

Some databases are multidisciplinary and cover many subjects; others are more specialized and focus on a single subject area. To find multidisciplinary databases for your research, click on "Databases" at the top of the Library homepage. You will see a list of "Databases for Getting Started". Select one of the databases on the list.

To identify a specialized subject database, use the dropdown menu listed under the "Databases by Subject" option. Choose the subject that you are writing about. There are librarians who specialize in each of these subject areas. The librarian who specializes in this particular subject area has designed a guide that lists the most useful databases for this subject.