Foreign Language Research Guide

Use this research guide as a starting point for finding books, articles and Internet sites relating to the various foreign languages studied here at SCC.

Searching for Books

If you're interested in finding books about your topic, go to the library home page. From here you can enter your search terms/keywords (or author or title) in the embedded search box near the top of the page.

When you get to the results screen, remember that it's important to write down the full call number from the item record (the page you get to after clicking on the book title). Also, keep in mind that some of the results that come up may be eBooks or videos.

If the book you need isn't available here at SCC, expand your search to other college and university libraries around Missouri using MOBIUS. This is a great resource if a book you need happens to be checked out or is only available at another institution. Once requested the book will be delivered to the SCC Circulation Desk within 3-4 business days. An email will be sent to your CougarMail account when the item arrives.

* If you need help requesting a book through MOBIUS, call 636-922-8620 or stop by the reference desk for assistance*

Using Databases | Finding Articles

We have a number of databases available to give you access to countless journal, magazine and newspaper articles. Below are a few databases that might be the best place for you to start your search for articles pertaining to foreign languages and dealing with different cultures.

To access our databases from home:
  o Go to the library home page
  o Click on "Search for Articles – Databases"
  o Enter your last name and your 7-digit student ID number (including the zero), followed by "sc" - for example, 0123456sc

Academic Search Premier
Scholarly/peer-reviewed, full-text articles from leading journals and reference sources.

LexisNexis
Search newspapers, legal cases, companies, countries and biographical information.
Finding Reference Books

Reference books are a great starting point for your research; they offer background information and give you a better overall understanding of your topic. When you need scholarly print resources for your works cited page, these are great materials to use!

You can find a reference book by title or subject using the library catalog and finding the call number. If you have any problems/trouble, check at the reference desk for assistance.

Here’s a taste of a few helpful reference materials and call number ranges you can find in our reference section on the first floor of the library:

- **The Concise Oxford English-Arabic Dictionary of Current Usage.**  
  *PJ 6640 .O93 1982*
- Encyclopedias, cultural information, history, literature and travel resources relevant to Arabic studies.  
  *DS 35 - DS 63*
- **Standard Dictionary: French-English, English-French.**  
  *PC 2640 .S73 1994*
- Encyclopedias, cultural information, history, literature and travel resources relevant to French studies.  
  *DC 1 - DC 947*
- **Random House German-English, English-German Dictionary.**  
  *PF 3640 .R35 1998*
- Encyclopedias, cultural information, history, literature and travel resources relevant to German studies.  
  *DD 1 - DD 905*
- **The Oxford Spanish Dictionary: Spanish-English, English-Spanish.**  
  *PC 4640 .O94 2003*
- Encyclopedias, cultural information, history, literature and travel resources relevant to Spanish studies.  
  *DP 1 - DP 402 & F 1201 - F 3799*
Online Resources

There are a number of helpful online resources that can help you with the various foreign languages we teach here at SCC. Here are a few links to get you started:

### Arabic resource links

- [http://www.laits.utexas.edu/aswaat/](http://www.laits.utexas.edu/aswaat/)  
  (Videos to practice listening to Arabic)
  (Arabic poetry project from Princeton - practice reading AND listening to Arabic here)
  (Great list of online Arabic resources from Columbia University)
- [http://www.bbc.co.uk/arabic/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/arabic/)  
  (Practice Arabic reading skills and staying on top of cultural events through the BBC Arabic website)

### French resource links

- [http://laits.utexas.edu/tex/index.html](http://laits.utexas.edu/tex/index.html)  
  (Practice your French - videos, vocab, grammar, culture...)
  (French newspaper - great for reading practice and staying on top of current events)
  (Another French newspaper for reading practice)
  (French radio - practice listening to the language)

### German resource links

  (Online resource to play around with German: videos, vocab, grammar...)
- [http://www.spiegel.de/](http://www.spiegel.de/)  
  (German newspaper to practice your reading and staying on top of current events)
- [http://www.zeit.de/index](http://www.zeit.de/index)  
  (Another German newspaper to practice your reading)
- [http://www.dradio.de/](http://www.dradio.de/)  
  (German radio - practice your listening skills)

### Spanish resource links

- [http://lanic.utexas.edu/](http://lanic.utexas.edu/)  
  (LANIC - Latin American Network Information Center. This is a great, comprehensive resource)
- [http://adamarc.org/ivepoca/](http://adamarc.org/ivepoca/)  
  (Practice reading in Spanish in this creative writing magazine)
- [http://laits.utexas.edu/spanvid/video.php?n=spanvid&m=intro&t=video](http://laits.utexas.edu/spanvid/video.php?n=spanvid&m=intro&t=video)  
  (Watch Spanish-language videos to practice hearing the language)
- [http://www.abc.es/](http://www.abc.es/)  
  (One of Spain's largest national newspapers - excellent reading practice and knowledge of cultural events)

You can also check out [BBC Languages](http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages) for language overviews and grammar help.

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