

# Online resources to help your studies



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When you are doing your coursework at INTO Manchester, you should make use of **QUALITY** sources, rather than just using *Wikipedia*

This handout will help!

If you are struggling  
to find what you need  
- ask the Learning  
Centre staff. They  
like to help!

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# Online Resources

The Learning Centre has special databases to help you find **QUALITY** material - these databases are **NOT** available freely via the web **To log in to these databases from home, you need your OPEN ATHENS username and password. You need to COME INTO THE LEARNING CENTRE to get these.**

Once you have your OpenAthens details, go to

<http://intolearningcentre.co.uk/online-resources/>

click on the **OpenAthens** logo  and log in

**You can use the following databases from INTO Manchester or at home:**

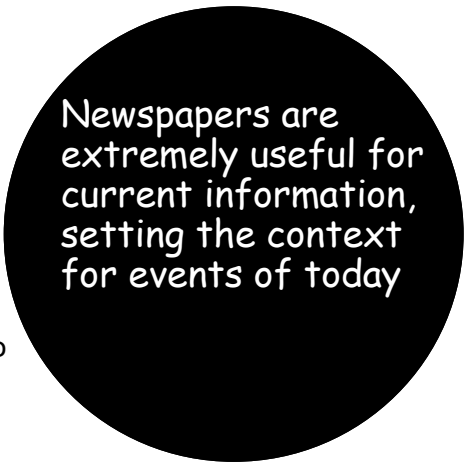
- **The Reviews (*was called Philip Allan Databases*)**

From the menu at the top of Ebsco Discovery, you will find the **The Review** magazines which gives online access to copies of *Biological Sciences Review, Business Review, Chemistry Review, Economic Review, Physics Review* and *Politics Review*. Great way of keeping up-to-date with current issues. Details on how to use in **Simple guide 11**

- **European Newsstream**

Covers local and regional newspapers throughout Europe; includes *The Guardian, Independent, Times* and *Financial Times*.

Great for up-to-date information. Details on how to use in **Simple guide 25**



Newspapers are extremely useful for current information, setting the context for events of today


- **EBSCO Discovery**

For more in-depth research; search over 7,000 academic and business journals Details on how to use in **Guide 7a and 7b: using the Ebsco Databases**

- **Electronic/ E-Books**

Electronic books cover key topics - you can use these at INTO Manchester or at home. Search for a full book or across **ALL** the pages in available books, all at the same time, for the topic you are interested in.

Electronic books are available via **Ebook Central** and Ebsco via **Ebsco Discovery** There are separate leaflets on how to use *E-Books* (Simple Guides 17/18)



You need your **OPEN ATHENS** password to use the INTO Manchester databases from home. If you do not have one, ask the Learning Centre staff

- **Issues Online**

From the menu at the top of Ebsco Discovery you will find **Issues Online**, a database on social issues; covers topics such as ethics in business, globalisation and ageing in society. Includes key statistics and also links to a range of e-books on social issues. **You need an extra special Issues Online password/username. This is on the screen when you go into Ebsco Discovery** Details on how to use in *Simple guide 19*

## **Use Moodle**

Your teachers will put valuable material on Moodle, the Virtual Learning Environment, also called MyINTO. **It is important that you log in and use Moodle/MyINTO.**

This is available via the Learning Centre website at <http://intolearningcentre.co.uk/> **Select Moodle**

## **Useful Websites**

The internet is full of information resources for you to use for your studies. ***Anyone can (and many do!) set up a website just to fool people/promote their own point of view, so you need to be careful about which internet sources you use.***

Use search engines such as **Google Scholar** rather than Google itself so you know you will find some “scholarly”/ academic literature.

Google Scholar is available at: <http://scholar.google.co.uk/>

## Further Research

For more advanced research, use **Subject Gateways** that contain web resources that have been evaluated and quality checked by experts. Try these:

- **CORE (COnnecting REpositories)**

Free access to millions of open access research papers.

**Website:** <https://core.ac.uk/>

- **Digital Commons Network**

Brings together free, full-text scholarly articles from hundreds of universities and colleges worldwide.

**Website:** <http://network.bepress.com/>

**Manchester Central Library has access to many online journals, via its *Access to Research* system. Ask the Learning Centre staff about access to the Central library**

- **Directory of Open Access Journals**

Gives access to some very useful “peer reviewed” journals for you to use. This means that articles have been checked by fellow experts. Suitable for those carrying out in-depth research.

**Website:** <http://www.doaj.org/>

- **JURN**

Finds content in over 4,000 FREE ‘open access’ ejournals in the arts and humanities. Provides a useful list of the journals included.

**Website:** <http://www.jurn.org/>

