

International Foundation - Art & Design: finding information



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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:

- **European Newsstream**
Covers local and regional newspapers throughout Europe; includes *The Guardian, Independent, Times* and *Financial Times*. Great for up-to-date arts information. Details on how to use in **Simple guide 25**



**Online newspapers
are a great source
of information about
current artists**

- **EBSCO Discovery**

For more in-depth research; search over 7,000 academic and business journals. Also able to search for images. Once you log in, the following screen appears - select **Multimedia** from the menu



you can search Ebsco for images from your favourite artist

You can access the databases from INTO Manchester or at home. 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**

Use Moodle/MyINTO

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/>

At International Foundation level you should **NOT** be relying on Wikipedia for all your information – this is frowned upon at University so get into good habits here at INTO Manchester!

The following websites are from bona fide (reputable) sources, with the content clearly described:

- **Artcyclopedia**

Provides references to museum collection websites where over 7,000 artists' works of art can be viewed. Covers mainly painting and sculpture. Searching is by artist or movement.

Website: <http://www.artcyclopedia.com/>

- **Axis: the online resource for contemporary art**

A national online resource for information about contemporary art and artists based round a directory of current practising artists in the UK. Artists entries include biographies, images, audio, film and video clips, past and future events.

Website: <http://www.axisweb.org/>

- **BBC News**

Latest UK and World news from the BBC. Covers news about major arts prizes such as the Turner prize.

Website: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment_and_arts

- **Craft Council Photostore**

A searchable database of around 1,000 contemporary makers. It includes images from the Crafts Council's Collection, Crafts magazine, exhibitions and fairs. You do need to register, but this is free. **Website:** <http://www.photostore.org.uk/>

- **European Newsstream**

Covers local and regional newspapers throughout Europe; includes *The Guardian*, *Independent*, *Times* and *Financial Times*. Great for up-to-date arts information. Access with your OpenAthens password from **http://**

intolearningcentre.co.uk/online-resources/ Details on page 2

- **Galleries Now.net**

GalleriesNow.net is a global survey of contemporary art exhibitions. It features over 200 public and commercial galleries from around the world. Browse by date, by gallery or artist. Mostly London-based for the UK.

Website: http://

www.galleriesnow.net/

- **National Portrait Gallery**

Contains images of the most influential characters in British history. It is possible to search for a picture by sitter, artist, or portrait. There are copyright restrictions on some pictures.

Website: http://www.npg.org.uk/collections.php



Always check the website address/ URL carefully. Be careful of hoax/ prank websites

- **Tate Gallery Collection**

Search the entire Tate Gallery Collections, which house the national collections of British Art and international modern art.

Website: <http://www.tate.org.uk/art/>

- **Victoria & Albert Museum**

Search for thousands of images from the gallery's collections.

Website: <http://collections.vam.ac.uk/>

VADS: Visual Arts Data Service

Provides over 100,000 images that are freely available and copyright cleared for use in research in the UK.

Website: <http://www.vads.ac.uk/>

Don't Forget Books!

Your teacher will recommend key texts that you should read as part of your studies: most of these should be available in the Learning Centre. To find both paper and electronic books you need to search using the Library Catalogue.

The catalogue is available via the Learning Centre website at <https://intolearningcentre.co.uk/>

The Library Catalogue gives you the “Dewey number” of the book. The Dewey number for art and design is **746.92**

Details of how to use the catalogue efficiently are available in ***Guide 4 Finding a Book in the Learning Centre***

Other Libraries

Manchester Metropolitan University library

Has a rich wealth of resources for art and design and you should be spending a lot of time in their library, using their materials. For example the library has:

- a subscription to *Design Week* so MMU students can read it online and keep up to date with new developments in the field
- a large collection of exhibition catalogues; these are shelved together after the art and design book on the first floor west wing
- a Special Collections Gallery on the Third Floor of the Sir Kenneth Green Library This has a changing programme of exhibitions often accompanied by lectures and tours
- an Image Collection Website that offers remote access to selections from the Library’s amazing wealth of images in the Special Collections, Archives and Gallery.
Website: <http://www.specialcollections.mmu.ac.uk/>
- Has excellent links to image collections, archives and search engines you can use to search for images. **Website:** <https://libguides.mmu.ac.uk/images>

Manchester Central Library

As well as having many arts books that you can borrow from the library, you also have free access to the **Berg Fashion Library**, part of **Bloomsbury Fashion Central** The Berg Fashion Library provides text and images covering world dress and fashion throughout history.

To use Berg Fashion Library, you need to join Manchester libraries

Website:

<https://www.bloomsburyfashioncentral.com/log-in>

Joining Manchester Central Library

All you need to join the public library is take a letter showing you live/study in Manchester. You can apply for this letter via the INTO Manchester reception

Manchester Central Library

St Peters Square, City Centre, M2 5PD

Telephone: 0161 234 1983

Email: libraries@manchester.gov.uk

Opening Times for Central Library:

Monday -Thursday: 9am-8pm;

Friday: 9am-5pm; Saturday: 9am-5pm;

Sunday: closed

