Literature Review

A. Research Guide for Economics

Find here a complete list of research tools including the ones listed on Dr. Whitehead’s class page.

- Library home page (library.appstate.edu) → Guides for Research by Topic → Economics
- Direct link: [http://www.library.appstate.edu/reference/subjectguides/business/economics.html](http://www.library.appstate.edu/reference/subjectguides/business/economics.html)

B. For a thorough literature search in Economics, you should search each of the following:

- ABI/Inform
- Business Source Premier
- EconLit
- JSTOR
- NBER Working Papers
- RePEc*
- Science Direct
- SSRN*
- WorldCat

*Available free on the web. All other sources are subscription-based services available courtesy of the library and available from off-campus locations by going through the library web site.

- Google Scholar ([http://scholar.google.com](http://scholar.google.com)) – searching for literature this way provides a very broad scope for your research.
- Please be aware that:
  - Full-text availability for many of these resources depends on the library’s subscriptions to online content from publishers.
  - When off-campus, an Google Scholar Advanced setting change is necessary to connect to the Appalachian State provided sources.
  - Read how to make the proper setting change on pages 3-4 of this handout.
AppSearch is a library project that provides a broader search scope when tackling a literature search. AppSearch is an example of a “federated search tool.” It searches a major portion (though not all) of the article databases and the books available from the library electronically and in print. As this is an ongoing project, expects enhancements over time.

Here’s what looks like:

Find it on the library home page. Use the “Advanced Search” to limit to Business resources.

C. Citing Sources properly

Dr. Whitehead has provided you with a general guide on the class web page

Many of the article research databases allow you to email the article to yourself in the proper MLA, APA, etc. format. Look for this feature as you do your research and active reading.

The library provides an shortcut guide to commonly used citation formats as well as links to online bibliography tools. “How to Cite Sources” http://www.library.appstate.edu/reference/howTo/cite/index.html

Never hesitate to contact the Business Librarian for help with your literature review.
Connecting to Library provided resources via Google Scholar

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Using Google Scholar on Campus.
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