1. **Database Search Assignment**

The purpose of this assignment is to give learners practice using the Mount Library's online databases, particularly those useful for conducting research in the topic of Women and Gender Studies.

1. Choose a topic related to Women and Gender Studies that is of interest to you. Conduct a database search, as demonstrated by the research librarian in demonstration podcast posted in your Moodle website, for articles about your chosen topic.

2. Go to [http://libguides.msvu.ca/womensstudies](http://libguides.msvu.ca/womensstudies)

3. Search three different databases for articles about your selected topic.

   **Woman Studies Guide:**

   ![Women's Studies Guide](image)
4. Search for articles related to your topic.

**Database Advanced Search Page:**

- Break your topic into its main concepts. Hint: start broadly and then narrow your topic.
- Choose Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals
- You can tweak your search terms to find better articles
- Right column has options to filter for better results
- Check subjects for potential search terms for your topic
- For this assignment do not use books or dissertations or reports

**Database Results Page:**

- Click on the Title for more details about this article
5. Record the databases you search and the keywords you use along the way in a log (for example: Academic Search Premier, Gender Studies Database).
6. Record the names of the different academic journals related to your topic that you located during your search. For example: *Canadian Journal of Women & the Law*
7. Select **the number of articles specified by your professor** to read for your Database Paper. Record the titles of the articles you chose to read for this assignment and the name(s) of the author(s) in the Log (see example, below).

8. Below the Log, write the title of each article and write a summary of the article **IN YOUR OWN WORDS**. Check your assignment for the length of the summary.

9. At the end, write a concluding paragraph on what you learned about your topic from reading the **articles, and/or** about the search process itself.

10. Submit a copy of the assignment typewritten and double-spaced to me via the Assignment Tool in Moodle. Include a cover page with name, ID, date, and topic title. If you have any questions regarding your database search, please contact one of the research librarians at library@msvu.ca.

**EXAMPLE LOG**

Your professor’s log may be different. Please check your assignment for full details.

**LOG**

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