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Academic writing and citation, examination info

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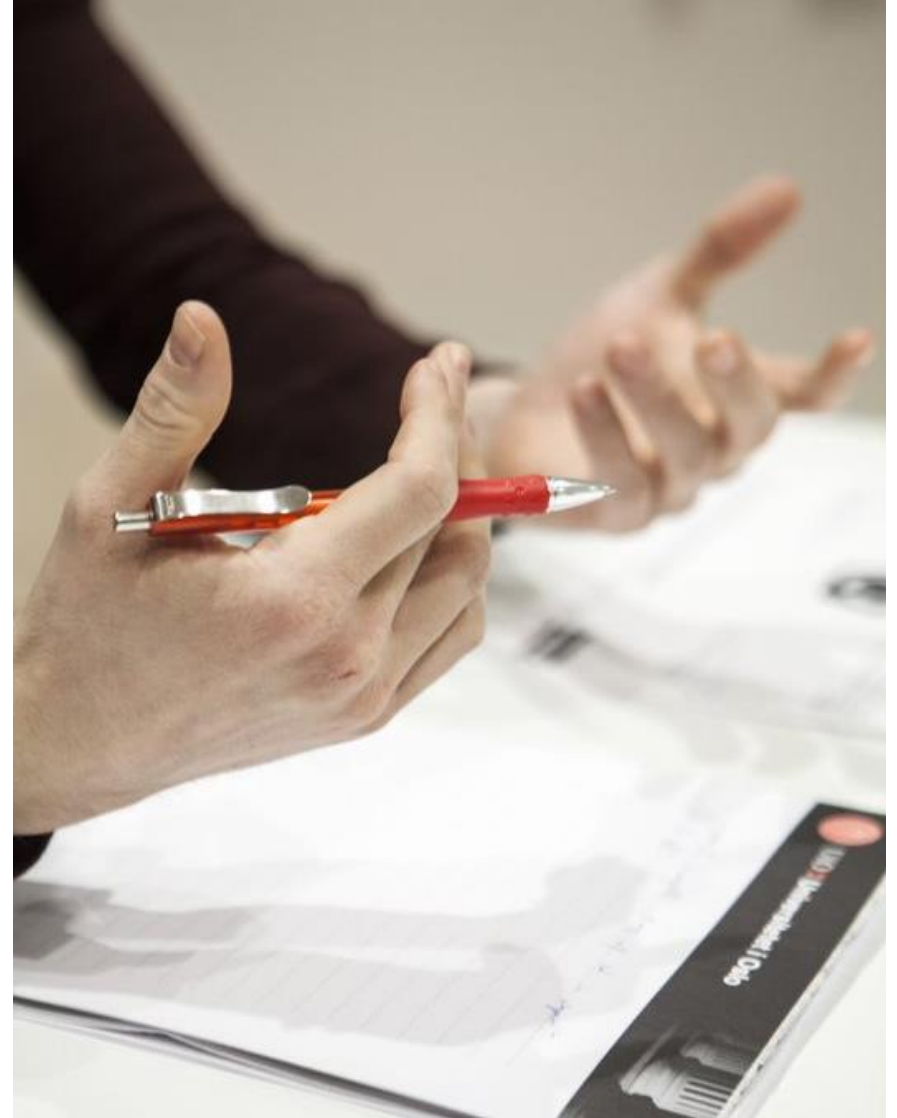
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Today we will talk about

- What the University Library can offer you
- Why it is important to cite sources
- Plagiarism and consequences of cheating
- How to cite and quote correctly
- How to evaluate your sources
- The online resource Search & Write
- Examination information



Welcome to the library


<https://www.ub.uio.no/english/>



Find books, articles, journals etc.

Books, journals, articles etc. - print & electronic

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 Chat with the library



Georg Sverdrup and Sophus Bugge



Library basics

- Your **student card** is also your **library card**
- The library is free and open to everyone
- Normal lending period is 2 weeks
- Automatic renewal
- You can borrow up to 50 books at the time

What the library offers you

- Curriculum texts
- Other literature in print or electronic
- Study areas (online booking at tp.uio.no)
- Group study rooms (online booking at tp.uio.no)
- Computers
- Printer/scanner
- Exhibitions and events
- [Help to search for books and articles](#)

Oria

- Oria is where you go to find the library resources
- In Oria you can search for books, journals, articles, movies, etc.
- By logging in you can order books and manage your loans and request

Academic writing



Science is collaboration and community

- Science as a social activity
- Research results must be **verifiable** by others
- A scientific paper must show where the knowledge **comes from** and within which **tradition** you're writing
- Helps the reader **retrieve** the sources, **verify** results, orient themselves in **the field**.

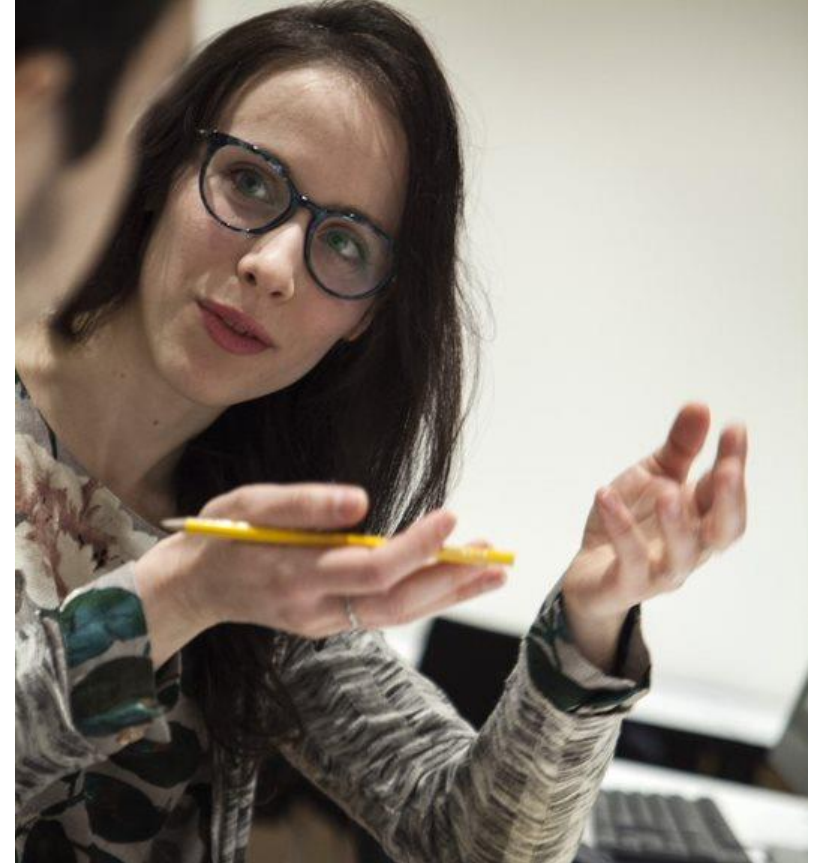
«If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants» (Isaac Newton, 1676)



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An independent stance

- Independent thinking is a key element in scientific work
- Your claims and arguments must be founded in evidence and theories in order to be sound, however, the conclusions must be your own.
- Your lecturers already have all the textbooks. They would like to know **your** perspective



Plagiarism and cheating

Plagiarism means presenting other people's results, ideas, or formulations as your own.

- No citation
- Not marking quotes
- False paraphrase: a word-by-word paraphrase
- We avoid accusations of plagiarism by **citing our sources consciously and accurately.**

The consequences of cheating

If you cheat you risk having your examination **annulled** and be **excluded** from all universities and university colleges in Norway for a period of one or two semesters.

As a student you are obligated to learn the rules for academic writing and citation: <http://www.uio.no/english/studies/admin/examinations/sources-citations/>



Citing and sources

What's your style?

- There are several reference styles
- Many fields of science has a preferred style
- Just stick to one of them!

- ☐ APA
- ☐ Chicago
- ☐ Harvard
- ☐ Oxford
- ☐ MLA
- ☐ and many more...

Four steps to getting your paper approved

1.Reference

2.Paraphrase

3.Quotation

4.List of references

Reference

A reference is information about a source from which information in your text has been retrieved.

In the text:

Two-thirds of Pompeii has now been excavated (Berry, 2007, p. 41)

In the list of references:

Berry, J. (2007). *The Complete Pompeii*. Thames & Hudson.

Reference

The reference will differ after what kind of source you are using.

- Book
- E-book
- Journal
- Website
- Etc...

Quotation

A direct quotation reproduces someone else's words exactly as they were written or spoken.

Remember that direct quotations must either be enclosed within quotation marks or indented (depending on their length).

Quotation example 1

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“The single life that exists in late modern society may be perceived as forming part of such a democratic culture. One may say that it is an effect of the democratisation of the private sphere.” (Kloster, 2003, p. 10). Words words words words words words words words words words.

Quotation example 2

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Paraphrase

Paraphrasing involves reformulating someone else's words. You should preferably change both vocabulary and word order, and rewrite it using your own words. Be careful, however, not to distort the original meaning.

EXAMPLE: Kloster (2003, p. 10) writes in his doctoral thesis that the single life that exists in late modern society is a consequence of the democratization of the private realm.

List of references

A list of reference (also called a bibliography) must be included at the end of your essay.

Beck, U. & Beck-Gemheim, E. (1995) *The normal chaos of love*. Polity Press.

Dretske, F. I. (1993). Conscious experience. *Mind*, 102 (406), 263-283.

Lund, V. (2018, 26. september). *Åtte av ti reiser med bil*. SSB. <https://www.ssb.no/transport-og-reiseliv/artikler-og-publikasjoner/atte-av-ti-reiser-med-bil>

To select sources

Is the source relevant?

- Does the source treat the subjects you are questioning?
- In what way can the source illuminate the questions you are asking?
- Compare the source with other similar sources to see what this source covers within your subject and what it doesn't.

Is it a quality source?

- Peer-reviewed
- Reference list
- Published in scientific journals

The quality of sources

We can critically evaluate a sources by checking the following:

- Who is the author?
- Who is the publisher?
- When was it published?
- Who is the audience?
- What is the genre?

Where do you usually go to collect sources for your essays and papers?



Where should I look?

- Oria
- Google Scholar
- Research databases, like Web of Science etc.
- **These sources have quality assurance:**
- References
- Peer review
- Scientific research

Wikipedia and Google are not fit as sources, but they might be good starting points for orienting oneself within a new field or tradition

What about AI?

“Artificial Intelligence/ChatGPT is not considered as a legitimate source. Content produced by artificial intelligence, such as ChatGPT is considered a form of academic misconduct/cheating.”

<https://www.hf.uio.no/english/studies/sources-referencing/index.html>

What is the problem with using AI?

- **AI like Chat GPT is not a search engine or a database**
 - Chat GPT is a language model, not a fact based model
 - AI will often give you information that is wrong or lacking
- AI is trained by using text collected from various sources which is not disclosed

Use Writing and Publishing

Writing and publishing

Referencing

Reference styles, reference tools and information about referencing.

Master theses

Submit Master's thesis to DUO in Studentweb, information, regulations and tips on how to write your master's thesis.

Academic writing centre

The writing centre is open for all students who wish to improve their own writing.

Open Access

Open Access information at UiO. Publishing agreements, self-archiving, research data, requirements and guidelines.

Doctoral theses

Publish your doctoral thesis in DUO.

Digital Scholarship Center

The Digital Scholarship Center can help you take advantage of digital tools and methods in your research.

Search and write



Searching

Searching for information can help you get started with your thesis and define the theme and scope of your project.



Study skills

Reading and writing are closely related activities in academic work. In order to write a good thesis, you need to be conscious of how and what you read.



Writing

In academic writing there are certain formal requirements regarding form and contents, language and style.

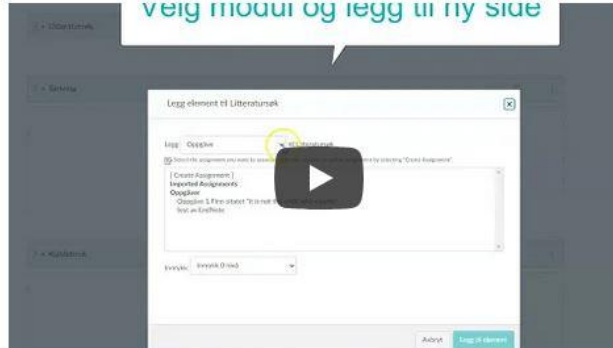
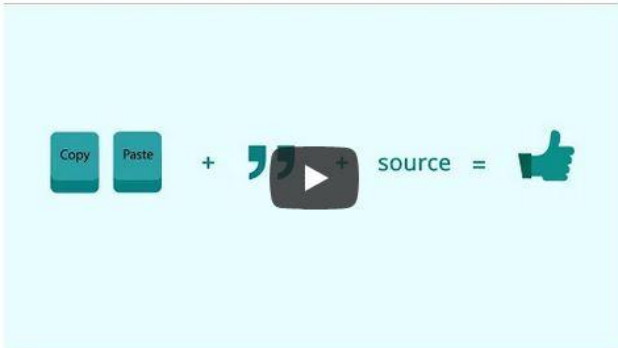


Sources

All research is based on sources. There are various criteria for assessing their relevance and quality.

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When in doubt – ask!

- Ask your lecturer
- Ask the library!



Extra resources:

For Sample texts on how to cite, read scientific articles or check out www.duo.uio.no, which is a database for master theses written at UiO.

- The reference style catalogues linked at search and write, usually provide good examples. See here: <https://sokogskriv.no/en/sources-and-referencing/reference-styles.html#reference-styles>

For the students using APA: if you're having a hard time figuring out how to cite a “peculiar source” you may want to check the [APA blog](#).

A close-up, slightly blurred photograph of a stack of papers and books on a wooden desk. The papers are white and some have faint lines or markings. The books have dark covers. A white rectangular text box is centered over the middle of the stack.

Five top things about examinations,
that every UiO student needs to know.

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Examination type

School examination

- digital
- 4 hours (most of them)
- usually no aid permissible, but see the course description

Semester assignments

- Term paper «semesteroppgave»
- Allowed to use all available literature
- Use references, paraphrases and quotations correctly
- Check your sources
- Submit in Canvas or Inspera

Consult the semester page of each course to check the examination type, date and other important information

<https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/hf/iakh/ARK2021/>

<https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/hf/iln/NORINT0114/>

<https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/hf/iakh/ARK2120/>

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Inspera

Online assessment platform

You take your school exam directly in Inspera or you submit your term paper in Inspera, by uploading a file.

Do familiarize yourself with Inspera before you take the exam!

<https://www.uio.no/english/studies/examinations/submissions/>

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Resources

Your assignment is your own independent work.

You may use other sources to obtain data or to support your reasoning.

Specify all sources in your assignment.

Use references, paraphrases and quotations correctly

<https://www.uio.no/english/studies/examinations/sources-citations/>

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Special arrangements

In case of disability or a health problem which may lead to a significant disadvantage in an examination

Deadline for application:

September 1 for autumn semester

February 1 for the spring semester

Illness after the deadline

Apply online and upload documentation

<https://www.uio.no/english/studies/examinations/special-arrangements/>

Having examinations at the same time doesn't qualify for a special arrangement.

Please check the date and time of your examinations!

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Exams results

Results in Studentweb within three weeks after the exam.

Assessment guidelines are available for all exams.

You can ask for explanation of grades and submit appeal against your grades.

<https://www.uio.no/english/studies/examinations/grades/index.html>

Share your results digitally via the Diploma Registry.

<https://www.uio.no/english/studies/examinations/transcript-of-grades/>

<http://www.uio.no/english/studies/>

Contact information for the examination's office at the
Faculty of Humanities:

eksamenskontoret@hf.uio.no

Good luck with future writing and citing!

