Mount Saint Mary’s University Libraries
POL01: American Government
Library Orientation

The MSMU Library resources are available on the university’s website or by logging onto the myMSMU portal.

GO TO http://www.msmu.edu > Academics > Libraries
OR myMSMU portal > Academics > Library > Research Resources > Research Databases
OR check out our Political Science Libguide at http://msmu.libguides.com/political_science
REMOTE SEARCHING: Databases **MUST** be accessed via the library’s website. When you click on a database from off-campus, you will be prompted to enter your library barcode number.

All subscription databases are password protected, so make sure that you have a valid MSMU Library barcode number.

Enter your library barcode (the number that starts with 25228) and Click SUBMIT QUERY to proceed.

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**LibGuide Highlights**

**Home Page:** Top resources! Librarians’ contact information!

**Evaluating Resources:** Some tips for thinking critically about information and a < 5 min. video.

**Laws and Public Policy:** Case law and legislation information at the State and Federal level

**Citation and Plagiarism:** Intro to citation management software.

**Library FAQ:** Includes information about library hours, printing in the library, book loan periods, overdue fees, staff contact information, etc.

Check out the **Citing Sources Libguide** for DIY examples of common citations!

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**Helpful Hints**

- Create personal accounts for databases (such as Quick Search) to save resources and remember search strategies.
- Begin with general, broad searches. Then, narrow your results with key words and database limiters.
- Login to the catalog with your library card number to send books from Doheny to Chalon.
- Browse book stacks on both campuses to make serendipitous discoveries!
- Email for article delivery: ssilver@msmu.edu
- When in doubt, ask a librarian! Email us anytime at library@msmu.edu