

Library Research for Geography and Environmental Studies Students

Introductory video

Hello Geography Graduate students.

My name is Peter and I'm the Geography Librarian from the Wilfrid Laurier University Library.

Welcome to the Introduction for your Pre-workshop tutorials on advanced library research techniques.

I'm recording this prior to our class workshop at the end of September.

There are a few things I'd like you to go over before our class to give you some additional background and preparation for the class.

I'm currently displaying the class's course guide I put together on the Laurier Library website.

Please go to the first section entitled "Pre-workshop tutorials on advanced library research techniques."

Click the small circle with a cross at the left side of the box, and you'll expand the section.

There are a number of tutorials here for you to go through on the major aspects of the research process, including developing research questions, planning a literature review, choosing databases, creating complex searches, and managing your information.

These tutorials are meant to reinforce what you probably already know regarding library research and literature review.

However, they'll likely introduce some more complex techniques that you don't know about.

This is something we find every year with graduate students in this course.

The tutorials are short, all between 3 to 7 minutes in length, and will take you approximately half an hour to complete.

Most are videos, but one on choosing databases is in a format like a slide deck.

To advance it you use the arrow or bar at the bottom.

Because the tutorials are short, there's no way we can cover the complexities of our academic information ecosystem.

If you have questions while watching, note them down and we can discuss them in class.

Or, if you want to contact me ahead of time, please feel free using my contact information at the left side of the course guide.

I look forward to meeting you all later in September.