Google Scholar Cheat Sheet
or “How to use Google (Scholar) in your Research”

1. Use the drop down menu from Google to get to Google Scholar.

2. Set up your Scholar Preferences, so that your results will go toward UNLV Libraries databases.

A. Click here to set preferences so that your results will access UNLV Libraries databases. (Remember, get it from UNLV, don’t pay!)

B. Please do this one step, to get it from UNLV Libraries!

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3. Type in your research question, keywords, even a phrase or topic sentence in the search box.

what impact does principal presence have on student achievement?

4. Here’s an example results list from Google Scholar. Keep in mind, the first result is the one with the most hits and links to that article.

These articles will link to the UNLV Libraries databases. Click on the title to get to this article.

- This is just a start to help you identify keywords, direction of your research, etc.
- Be sure to critique or evaluate the information that you select from this Google Scholar search.
- If there is an article that does not link to the UNLV Libraries database, try the following options
  1. Open a new window to UNLV Libraries and enter the information of the article to double check if UNLV Libraries has access to the article. (Hint: Use the Journal tab, and enter journal title . . . )
  2. If UNLV Libraries does NOT have access to the article, request it from the UNLV Libraries Document Delivery Services. (it’s free! And be sure to enter your email address to receive it sooner and electronically!)

Getting frustrated . . . Or need help?

Ask for help from a librarian!

Here’s how:

http://library.unlv.edu/ask/

Help is available via IM, email, phone or in-person.
And don’t forget your subject librarian!