Library Jargon

Abstract

A brief summary of the main points of a journal article.

Athens username and password

You will need an Athens username and password to access library electronic journals, databases and e-books. Ask the subject librarians for help with passwords.

Database

Online searchable collections of information. Particularly useful for accessing high quality journal literature. Databases can cover a range of disciplines (Web of Knowledge, CSA Illumina) or be subject specific (Westlaw and LexisNexis). Some will provide access to full text, others may provide references only.

Electronic Journal

Many library journals are now available online, so you can access them from any PC with an internet connection. The library has over 15,000 titles in its online collection. Use the Electronic Journals list to find individual titles in the collection.

Journal

May also be called a periodical, serial, magazine. A publication which appears on a regular basis eg weekly, monthly. Many library journals are now available online (see Electronic Journals).

Keywords

Key terms that you select from your assignment topic and use to search databases. Library databases can't cope with long search phrases!

Reference

All the information you need to identify and find an item.

Referencing system

The School of Law generally recommends that students at Ulster use the **Oxford Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities**, sometimes shortened to **OSCOLA**, for citing references. **Always check with your lecturer if you are not sure of the referencing system you should use.**

Subject librarians

Each subject has a team of specialist librarians whose job it is to help you find any information you need in the library or online for your course. Ask to speak to your Subject Librarian at the library Information desks or use the **online enquiry form.**