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Instruction Sessions Available for Your Class
- How to use the Library Catalog. How to find books, journals and other resources that the library owns.
- Library Use policies, physical layout of the library
- General interest databases. Like ProQuest, EbscoHost, JStor etc. Searching basics.
- Subject specific databases: Math Review, ChemVillage, Science Direct, Avery Index, etc.
- Citation styles APA, MLA, and other citation styles
- Newspaper, magazines vs. journals. Differences between primary and secondary sources.
- Evaluating resources: Online resources and traditional resources evaluation.
- Locating full-text when you only have a citation: EJournals searching and locating a particular item through a citation
- Building a search strategy: Broadening or narrowing a search through building search blocks; identifying key words. Boolean logic.
- Copyright and Plagiarism: Ethical use of information

Remember
You must register by:
October 4th
To be eligible to vote in the General Election on November 2nd
INTERNET RESOURCES

NATIONAL

House of Representatives
http://www.house.gov/

U.S. Senate
http://www.senate.gov/

Thomas
http://thomas.loc.gov/
Search current and past Congressional legislation.

Get Out the Vote
http://www.getoutthevote.org/
Nonprofit organization with links to state-by-state polling locations.

League of Women Voters
Nonpartisan political organization; information on current issues and encourages citizen participation in government.

National Democratic Party
http://www.democrats.org/

National Republican Party
http://www.rnc.org/

Tea Party
http://www.coffeepartyusa.com/
http://www.teaparty.org/
http://www.teapartypatriots.org/
http://www.texasindependentparty.com/
http://www.usiap.org/

National Green Party
http://www.gp.org/index.php

National Libertarian Party
http://www.lp.org/

Election Guide
http://www.electionguide.org/
Guide to global elections.

Election Statistics
http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/romans/fdtf/elections.html
#electstat

Guide to U.S. Elections
http://www.lib.umd.edu/guides/elections.html

Common Cause
http://www.commoncause.org/

Open Secrets
http://www.opensecrets.org/
From The Center for Responsive Politics, nonpartisan, nonprofit.

FactCheck.org
http://www.factcheck.org/
Nonpartisan organization from the Annenberg Foundation. Monitors the accuracy of candidate speeches, advertisements, interviews and debates.

LEXIS-NEXIS

Texas Secretary of State Elections
http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/index.shtml
Main site for information about the election and registration process for Texas.

Who Represents Me
http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/
Use your street address to find out your Texas and U.S. representatives.

Texas Congressional Districts
Printable map of current districts.

Texas Democratic Party
http://www.txdemocrats.org/

Texas Republican Party
http://www.texasgop.org/

Texas Green Party
http://txgreens.org/drupal/

Texas Libertarian Party
http://www.tx.lp.org/

ARTICLE RESOURCES

Lexis-Nexis Congressional

Provides indexing and full text access to sources that allow users to: track legislation and public policy, pinpoint expert testimony on leading issues of the day, find authoritative sources of statistics, projections, and analysis; trace legislative history back to 1970, find Congressional member legislative and voting information, find floor votes back to the 100th Congress, investigate the finances of members of Congress, review federal regulations, learn the makeup and mission of congressional committees and subcommittees and much more.

Military & Government Collection

Designed to offer current news pertaining to all branches of the military and government, this database offers a thorough collection of periodicals, academic journals, and other content pertinent to the increasing needs of those sites. The Military & Government Collection provides cover-to-cover full text for nearly 300 journals and periodicals and indexing and abstracts for nearly 400 titles.

PAIS International

A reference resource for research in American government, politics, history, public policy, and current affairs.

BOOKS

It’s best to search by subject heading. Books are organized by the Library of Congress Subject Headings:

http://www.pvamu.edu/PDFFiles/Library/Ref/Brochures/LC_Outline.pdf

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