

Young Scholars Project

Using the USC Library Guides

The USC Library Guides provide students with useful information about researching, referencing and evaluating sources. To access go to: <http://libguides.usc.edu.au/>. Start with looking at the **How to...** guides and click on “I’m doing an assignment”.

The screenshot displays the USC Library Guides homepage. The main navigation bar includes the USC Australia logo and the word 'Library'. Below the header, there is a search bar and a 'Get the help you need' section. The 'How to...' guide is highlighted with an orange box and an arrow pointing to a zoomed-in view of the guide's contents.

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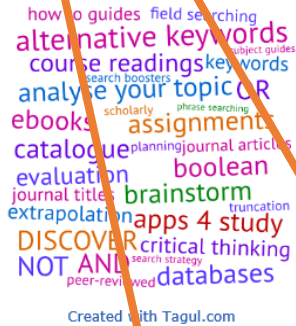
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I'm doing an assignment

Information to help you prepare a successful assignment.

- Start here
- Plan
- Search
- Evaluation
- Writing

Find help with..



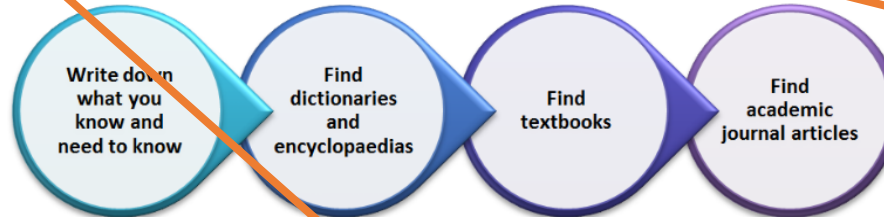
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- **USC Assignment Calculator**
The USC Assignment Calculator is a guide for written assessment tasks including reports and essays. Every assessment is different. You may move through some stages faster or slower depending on the assessment.

Getting Started

Before you begin searching for information, make sure you **understand your topic** and **what you don't know**.

1. Write down what you already know about the topic and what you need to find out.
2. Find **dictionaries, encyclopedias** for an overview of your topic.
3. Find **text books** to broaden your knowledge of your topic and to identify keywords.
4. Find **academic journal articles** for detailed arguments about specific points.



• Gives you a starting point for your research

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Related Guides:

[Find information](#)

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Find information

Credible sources

Databases

Use Google Scholar

Reference Tools

Search engines etc

This section provides information on how to improve your academic writing skills:

- * Paragraph structure
- * Information structure
- * Vocabulary
- * Logic

This section gives you advice on how to select and evaluate sources of information.

This section gives you advice on how to determine the credibility of a source of information.

This sections shows you how to use **Google Scholar** to find credible sources.

Referencing tools and guides for Harvard referencing.

This gives you some useful information about starting a new assignment and developing an approach to researching a new topic.

This section gives you some useful tips on how to start a new assignment, and improve your study and planning skills.