TPP101  Tertiary Preparation Pathway: Academic Skills for Success

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Objectives

By the end of this workshop you will have:

- Skills to analyse your assignment topic
- Understanding of keywords and alternate terms
- Ability to develop a library search
- Skills to navigate the USC Library website
- Knowledge of Google Scholar
- Knowledge of library assistance
Where do you start?

What are the instructions for your assignment?  TASK words

What are the keywords that describe your topic?  TOPIC words

What are the alternatives to these keywords?  SYNONYMS

What is the specific context of your assignment?  LIMITING words
Within the context of higher education, students who regularly participate in group work as a study strategy achieve academic success.

“phrase searching” find an exact phrase “higher education” "group work" "academic success"

truncation * find all words starting with these letters credib* reliab* educat* particip*
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<td>Higher education</td>
<td>College University</td>
<td>College* Universit*</td>
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<td>Participate</td>
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Putting it all together ...

**AND**

find all of your keywords (main topics)
“academic achievement” AND university

**OR**

find any of your keywords (alternative words)
university OR college OR “higher education”

**NOT**

exclude a keyword from your search (weeding word)
“study skills” AND education NOT secondary
Library home page: advanced searching

Choose advanced search link

Enter key words or phrases

Option: Add another line
Refining results

Refine options include:

- Peer-reviewed journals
- Date of publication
- Type of resource
- Newspaper Search

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- Library searching and refining
- Analysing the assignment topic
- Google Scholar
- How to access Library help