

# Potential Pitfalls of Searching Google



Google and other search engines may be useful to find general information about a topic, **but** they are **not** the best tools to use for completing your assignments and can be a slippery slope to academic dishonesty/integrity violations.

## Google Search Results are populated by:

- Popularity
- What's trending
- Code manipulation
- Site owner's paying for their site to appear high on the results list
- Your search history and preferences

Therefore, you may not be seeing the best results for your purpose.



**Do not type your assignment prompt into Google even if you are pressed for time!**



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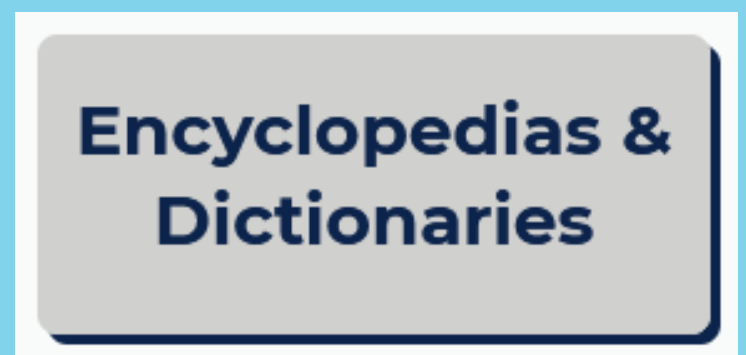
## Use the UAGC Library

The UAGC library is full of resources specifically selected to assist you with your course work.

### General Background Information Resources

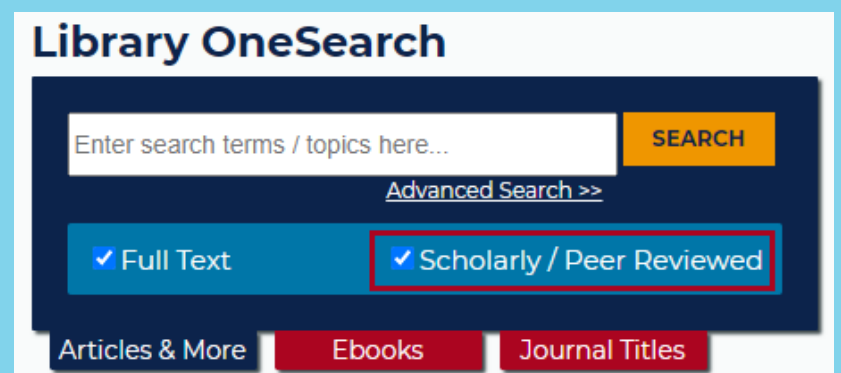
To get a better understanding of your topic, check out the following databases under the **Encyclopedias & Dictionaries** button on the library homepage.

- Credo Reference
- World Book
- SAGE Research Methods



### Scholarly/Peer Reviewed Resources

Start with Library OneSearch. To filter your search to Scholarly/Peer reviewed resources, check that box before clicking search.



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