

Searchpath Objectives

- 1 Starting Smart This module covers types of information sources you can use for your topic.
- When you have completed this module of Searchpath, you should be able to:
- identify a variety of information sources
 - identify characteristics of information on the Web
 - identify characteristics of library resources
- 2 Choosing a Topic This module covers topic selection and how to identify keywords to search your topic.
- When you have completed this module, you should be able to:
- broaden or narrow a topic
 - identify keywords for a topic
 - use connectors and truncation in constructing a search
 - understand the difference between keyword and subject searching
- 3 Using IRIS This module covers how to search *IRIS*, the Rutgers University Libraries catalog.
- When you have completed this module you should be able to:
- find books by title, author, or subject heading
 - find journals by using a PERIODICAL Title search
 - identify the location of books or journals
 - read a call number and use it to find items in the library
 - find an item placed on reserve using the Reserves in IRIS
- 4 Finding Articles This module covers how to use article indexes to identify articles on a subject.
- After completing this module you should be able to:
- distinguish between popular and scholarly periodicals
 - choose an article index appropriate to your information need
 - use an index to identify articles on a topic
 - retrieve fulltext articles either electronically or physically within the Rutgers University Libraries
- 5 Using the Web When you have completed this section of Searchpath, you should be able to
- understand the use of the World Wide Web (WWW) as a resource to find information
 - understand the organization of the Internet and be able to identify major types of websites
 - understand the use of different types of Web search engines
 - understand and evaluate Web information
- 6 Citing Sources This module covers citing sources, plagiarism, and copyright.
- When you have completed this module of Searchpath, you should be able to
- describe when to cite sources used in your work
 - recognize different parts of a citation
 - list ways to avoid plagiarism
 - understand the reasons for copyright