

Academic Sources at GMC

The best place to go for academic sources is the GMC Library!

You can find a link to the Library Home page and Library Guides on Moodle, and in the Quick Links section of the GMC Home page.

- a. The Library Catalog is a great source for books and other materials housed in the GMC Library.
 - i. Books are often good primary sources, because many contain original work, research, and data.
 - ii. Books that are works of literature are considered primary sources, while books containing critical commentary (such as literary articles and essays) about those works of literature would be considered secondary sources.
- b. The Library Guide for your course contains links to the **academic databases** that are most related to the course topics and assignments. You can also ask a librarian about the best sources to help you complete the project you are working on for a particular course.

Information found in academic databases usually comes from scholarly journals that are written by experts and professors in a specific field. Peer-reviewed sources are considered “the best” of the scholarly sources, because they’ve gone through additional, rigorous evaluation and vetting by experts in the field, to make sure the information is up-to-date, accurate, and complete.

Some examples of databases:

For ENG 101: *Issues & Controversies*

Opposing Viewpoints in Context

Academic Search Complete

ProQuest

For ENG 102: *Literary Reference Center*

Literature Resource Center,

And again, *ProQuest and Academic Search Complete* are excellent sources for this course as well.