Research Assistant Training

How to Make the Most of USD Library Resources

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What we will cover

• Know your assignment
• Finding materials at USD: LRC and Copley Library
• Interlibrary loans (ILL)
Pardee Legal Research Center

The law library exists to support the educational and scholarly activities of the USD law community.

The Pardee Legal Research Center is currently open only to current students, faculty, and staff of the University of San Diego using their Torero ID Card, available from Campus Card Services. Face masks must be worn at all times inside the LRC, consistent with USD policy. Eating and drinking are currently prohibited in the LRC. Please see our LRC Access and Study Rooms Guide for additional information on COVID policies.

FDLP users: You may access many online FDLP resources by searching the library catalog. Many federal materials are online at https://www.govinfo.gov. The LRC will provide full access again as soon as possible. Other federal depositories may be located here: Federal Depository Library Directory.
Library Services

The LRC is committed to providing the best possible research experience for its patrons.

- Take our virtual tour or use our library location map to see our physical spaces.
- Check-out a variety of computer and mobile equipment at our Circulation Desk.
- Use our helpful microform-to-PDF machine as well as scanners, printers, and copiers.

Study Room Reservations

USD law and paralegal students can reserve study rooms for group use up to fourteen days in advance. Each student can reserve one study room for a group of two or more for a maximum of three hours per day.

Library Account Services

You have many accounts as a USD member and your library account is one of them. Use your library account when checking out any library materials. You can place holds on materials through your library account. For more information, review our circulation policies.

Printing at USD

You must register your USD printing account before printing from on or off campus. Add personal email addresses to your printing account.

Course Reserves

Faculty - Information on adding materials to course reserves.

Students - Information on accessing course reserve materials.

Work Study Jobs

The LRC hires law students with work study awards. More information and job descriptions are available.

Research Assistant Program

The RA program is a great way for students to interact with professors and learn good researching practices while working on interesting projects.
Research Assistant Program

Along with individual work study faculty research positions, the law school has a program for training a cohort of research assistants (RA). Each year a new group of RAs are invited into the program based upon the student's academic standing throughout his or her first year and the student's expressed interest. The Legal Research Center provides training for the RAs toward the end of the 1L Spring semester as well as support on an individual basis for every RA throughout the student’s time as an RA.

RAs apply for the program through the School of Law Office for JD Student Affairs, Contact: Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs, Emily Keen.

If you have been invited to apply to the Research Assistant Program, please complete this [application form](https://www.sandiego.edu/law/library/services/research-assistant.php) by the designated deadline.

**RA Research Training Materials**

- [Using USD research tools](https://www.sandiego.edu/law/library/services/research-assistant.php) (PDF)
- [Editing and Citechecking](https://www.sandiego.edu/law/library/services/research-assistant.php) (PDF)
- [Case research](https://www.sandiego.edu/law/library/services/research-assistant.php) (PDF)
- [Journal and article research](https://www.sandiego.edu/law/library/services/research-assistant.php) (PDF)
- [Statutory and Administrative Law Research](https://www.sandiego.edu/law/library/services/research-assistant.php) (PDF)
- [Finding Reliable Web Content](https://www.sandiego.edu/law/library/services/research-assistant.php) (PDF)
Know your assignment
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Step 1: Conduct a research interview with professor
Talk to your professor

- Understand:
  - the project and how your work fits in
  - what you are expected to do
  - what you will turn in
  - when you must turn in your work

- Ask questions throughout the process

- Confirm details
Develop your roadmap

Step 2:
Develop a research road map
Develop your roadmap

- Jurisdiction?
- Legal issue?
- Develop search terms:
  - Things, Actions, Remedies, People, Places
  - Consider synonyms
- Include citations/resources recommended by the professor
Ask a librarian!

Reference librarians are available Monday–Friday, 9 AM–5 PM during the summer.
Ask a librarian!

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- Telephone: (619) 260-4612
- Chat: https://www.sandiego.edu/law/library
- E-mail: lrcref@sandiego.edu
- Or schedule a research consultation (in person, by telephone, or by Zoom)
Finding materials
Think geographically

Two libraries on campus:
- Pardee Legal Research Center (LRC)
- Copley Library
Think geographically

San Diego Circuit (https://circuit.sdsu.edu)
- Consortium of local libraries
- Books delivered to the LRC in 24-48 hours

San Diego Circuit Consortium Catalog

Start Search:  

The San Diego Circuit Member Libraries are:
- San Diego County Library
- San Diego Public Library
- San Diego State University
- UC San Diego
- University of San Diego
Think geographically

Interlibrary loan (ILL):
https://sandiego.illiad.oclc.org/illiad/lrc/

Allows you to borrow materials from libraries around the country
Think beyond your computer

Do not limit yourself to just materials at USD or those which you can access via Google
Where to search

WorldCat

Find items in libraries near you

2 billion items available here through a library

Everything  Books  DVDs  CDs  Articles

Search everything

WorldCat connects you to the collections and services of more than 10,000 libraries worldwide

https://www.worldcat.org
Where to search

Step 1: Search USD library catalog
Step 2: Search San Diego Circuit
Step 3: Search WorldCat
Step 4: Place interlibrary loan request
Example: climate change
Climate change and the voiceless: protecting future generations, wildlife, and natural resources / Randall S. Abate, Monmouth University

Abate, Randall S, author

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Summary  |  Future generations, wildlife, and natural resources - collectively referred to as 'the voiceless' in this work - are the most vulnerable and least equipped populations to protect themselves from the impacts of global climate change. While domestic and international law protections are beginning to recognize rights and responsibilities that apply to the voiceless community, these legal developments have yet to be pursued in a collective manner and have not been considered together in the context of climate change and climate justice. In Climate Change and the Voiceless, Randall S. Abate identifies the common vulnerabilities of the voiceless in the Anthropocene era and demonstrates how the law, by incorporating principles of sustainable development, can evolve to protect their interests more effectively. This work should be read by anyone interested in how the law can be employed to mitigate the effects of climate change on those who stand to lose the most

Subject(s)  |  Environmental law, International
Climatic changes -- Law and legislation
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An Anthropogenic Problem That Requires an Ecocentric Solution

The severity of the climate change crisis is caused exclusively by human action and inaction. First, for the past several decades, humans have been responsible for 100 percent of the greenhouse gases (GHGs) in the atmosphere that contribute to climate change. Second, the failure of domestic and international climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts has exacerbated this crisis instead of managing it. This human-caused crisis cannot be addressed effectively by a human-centered, development-focused regulatory framework.

Recent developments in climate change diplomacy are just starting to implement solutions. But a new approach is required.
1. *Genius/GZA of the Wu-Tang Clan - Weapons of math destruction*  
   by Genius; Renko Heuer; Sue Kwon  
   Print book  
   Language: English  
   Publisher: Berlin : Rabena, 2007.

2. *Weapons of math destruction : how big data increases inequality and threatens democracy*  
   by Cathy O'Neil  
   Print book  
   Language: English  

3. *The shame machine : who profits in the new age of humiliation*  
   by Cathy O'Neil; Stephen Baker  
   Print book  
   Language: English  
   Publisher: New York : Crown, [2022]
Weapons of math destruction: how big data increases inequality and threatens democracy

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Interlibrary loan (ILL)

- Ask a librarian for assistance to locate items
- ILL process can take time; request items well before your deadline
Interlibrary Loan

Fill out the online ILL form at https://sandiego.illiad.oclc.org/illiad/lrc/

Book and Document Requests

Interlibrary Loan (ILL) during Covid-19 Many institutions’ Interlibrary Loan Departments are closed. This has impacted Interlibrary Loan borrowing. Any Interlibrary Loan requests during this crisis might take additional time to receive. We appreciate your patience. If you have any questions, please contact us at ill@sandiego.edu. We ask that you follow the ILL Policies when planning and placing an interlibrary loan request.

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* Status

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Items *not* available via ILL

- Books from libraries located outside of North America
- Most newspaper articles
- Materials that are available in PDF of original source
- Items located at libraries that do not participate in interlibrary loan
Resources at Copley Library
Using Copley Library

Visit https://www.sandiego.edu/library/ to access databases and other materials available via Copley Library.
Using library equipment
Equipment

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Ask a librarian!

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