How to find resources for course paper/final thesis?

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Outline:

• information search strategy;
• variety of information resources;
• tools for information search.
You have chosen your thesis topic. Where should you start?
Information search process

Think about the topic:
• the main information about the topic;
• which information resources would be the most relevant?

Evaluate the relevance of your search results:
• Are you satisfied with quantity and variety of resources you found?
  Use it.
• Don’t have enough resources?
  Change strategy and repeat search.

Create search strategy:
• key words, synonyms;
• think about the most appropriate search tools.
It is impossible to find all relevant information resources. Balance between quality and quantity should be maintained.

Search strategy is not fixed. There is no right solution, one key word or the best search tool.

The main search principles (selection of key words, tools and resources) can be applied performing search in any information resource.
Creating search strategy (2)

Good search tool: enough information resources found easily and in a short period of time.

Write down selected key words, tools etc. Preserve necessary documents, make notes.

If you can not find necessary information ask for help of your supervisor or subject librarian.
Final thesis topic:
Small states foreign policy in the European Union: case studies of Lithuania and Latvia

Which key words would you use?
Key words

1. Theme;
2. Alternative terms;
3. Synonyms;

**EUROVOC:**
- Multilingual thesaurus.

**LiDA:**
- Lithuanian Data Archive for Social Sciences and Humanities.

**UNESCO Thesaurus:**
- Over 7000 terms in English and Russian languages, 8600 terms in French and Spanish languages.
When results are not enough: **AND** or **OR** when there are too many results: **NOT**

To specify search results **“”** Instead of inflection use * or ?
Which resources can I use?

Reviews
Reports
Dissertations
Legal documents

Books, monographs
Scientific journals
Information from subscribed databases
Enciclopedias, manuals, dictionaries
Aspects of information quality:

- reliability;
- objectivity
- authorship of the resource;
- publisher;
- the aim of publishing;
- list of references.
Evaluation of search results

Not recommended resources:

• tabloids;
• unpublished information;
• unreliable internet resources;
• Textbooks.
Read final thesis written by other students:

**KTU ETD**
- Final projects by KTU students;
- PhD thesis and thesis summaries by KTU researchers;

**eLABa repository**
- Search system allowing search for final thesis and dissertations in Lithuanian academic libraries;
- You will have to upload your final thesis in this repository;

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- Pasirinkite Jūsų virtualų biblioteką;
- Pasirinkite Jūsų institucijos mokslo ir studijų dokumentų institucinę talpykla.

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How to start information search?
Library suggests:

- KTU Library e-catalogue
- KTU virtual library
- Electronic resources (Subscribed databases)
If you need publications:

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- [KTU Virtual Library](https://example.com).
Multidisciplinary databases

**Academic Search Complete** (EBSCO Publishing) – a comprehensive scholarly, multidisciplinary full text database, with more than 5,300 full text periodicals, including 4,400 peer-reviewed journals.

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**ScienceDirect Journals** – Database contains the full-text of Elsevier Science journals in fields of Science and Social Sciences. The subscribed content is marked by green icon. Full-text access is available back to 2012.

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**Subject databases**

**Education Source** (EBSCO Publishing) – education Source is designed to meet the needs of education students, professionals and policy makers.

**ERIC** (EBSCO Publishing) – an authoritative database of indexed and full-text educational literature and resources.

**Teacher Reference Center** (EBSCO Publishing) – teacher Reference Center provides indexing, abstracts, citations, and full-text for nearly 300 periodicals.

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Google Scholar - simple, intuitive search, citation option
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- MRU el. knygos (open access)
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Book search in disciplinary database

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Search for publications in open access repositories

Open access to publications, books, conference proceedings, MA thesis, PhD dissertations etc.: 

Open access repositories

- Social Science Research Network;
- SSOAR (Social Science Open Access Repository);
Passport GMID (Euromonitor DB) – business information database providing information about various industries, countries and users.

Official statistics portal – statistical indicators, classification databases, predefined tables.

Eurostat:
- European community statistical office which announces official statistical indicators for European Union and Euro Zone.
  - open access to thematic collections;
  - references to methodology for International Monetary Fund specialized standard SDDDS for data dissemination;
  - possibility to download documents in PDF format for free;
  - updated daily.
Research information search engines

- Google Scholar [http://scholar.google.lt](http://scholar.google.lt)
Access to e-resources 24/7

**KTU virtual library**
- single KTU sign-on
- one stop shop-search in all subscribed DB

**VPN (Virtual Private Network)**
- Install VPN client into your personal computer
- sign on to VPN and start search in DB

**EZproxy**
- single KTU sign-on
- select DB, where search will be performed
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  http://delicious.com
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