

A Short Guide to Useful Internet Resources at the JLU

When writing your term paper / academic essay, it is important that you consult secondary sources that will help you define central terms and carve out your argument. Here is a brief guide to the key tools available at our university that I recommend.

First of all, make sure that you are logged in to the university network. If you want to access the sources from outside university, you first have to log in with your s-ID (s-Kennung) via the following website: <https://login.ezproxy.uni-giessen.de/login>

When you have logged in, you will find a menu listing four links:

■ Login e-Medien (EZ-Proxy)

Sie sind für den Volltextzugriff angemeldet.

Zugang zu:

- Rechercheportal JUSTfind
- Elektronische Zeitschriftenbibliothek (EZB)
- Datenbank-Infosystem (DBIS)
- Startseite Bibliothekssystem

By clicking on [Rechercheportal JUSTfind](#), you can access the search engine and catalogue of our **university library**. Here, you will find all the books that are available at our university. From here, you can also **access all e-books** that our university has acquired.

By clicking on [Datenbank-Infosystem \(DBIS\)](#), you will access a list with different academic subjects. Click on [Anglistik, Amerikanistik](#).

Fachübersicht

Fachgebiete
Allgemein / Fachübergreifend
Allgemeine und vergleichende Sprach- und Literaturwissenschaft
Anglistik, Amerikanistik
Archäologie
Architektur, Bauingenieur- und Vermessungswesen
Biologie
Chemie
Elektrotechnik, Mess- und Regelungstechnik
Energie, Umweltschutz, Kerntechnik
Ethnologie (Volks- und Völkerkunde)
Geographie

[Note: To access the list of databases from **within** the university network, you can click on this link: http://rzblx10.uni-regensburg.de/dbinfo/fachliste.php?bib_id=ubgie&lett=1 or click your way through from the university library homepage: https://www.uni-giessen.de/ub/en?set_language=en : “For your subject” → “English Studies” → “Databases” → “Databases for English Studies”]

After clicking on “Anglistik, Amerikanistik”, you will see a list that contains c. 200 (!) databases and online sources in the field of English Studies to which our university has access. Have a look at them at some point – you might find something useful for your individual work. The databases / online tools that I recommend you use for *all* your term papers and essays are among the “TOP 8”. To use them, you have to click on the respective link, and then click again on the link next to “Recherche starten”.

Auswahl

Sortierung der Ergebnisse

TOP-Datenbanken (8 Treffer)

[MLA International Bibliography](#)

[Bibliography of Linguistic Literature](#)

[Dictionary of Literary Biography](#)

[Early English Books Online](#)

[Eighteenth Century Collections Online](#)

[Oxford Dictionary of National Biography](#)

[Oxford English Dictionary](#)

[Oxford Reference](#)

Oxford English Dictionary

Weitere Titel: OED Online

Oxford English Dictionary Online

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Allgemeine und vergleichende Sprach- und Lit

Anglistik, Amerikanistik

- The [MLA International Bibliography](#) is a search engine for secondary literature. In many respects, it is more useful and accurate than Google if you look for academic literature on a specific topic. Some of the academic texts MLA finds are available as a direct PDF download. With others, you have the opportunity to check directly (by clicking Verfügbar?/Available?) whether the book / essay you need is available from our university library.
- The [Oxford English Dictionary](#) is *the* authority and British source of choice on the meaning of words. So if you look for brief definitions and/or want to get an insight into the historical development of a word's meaning – use this source.
- The [Oxford Dictionary of National Biography](#) contains detailed biographies of important British personalities (including writers). It is a much more academic source than Wikipedia for information about a person's life and works.
- [Oxford Reference](#) allows you to browse for the meanings and definitions of words in subject-specific dictionaries (e.g. in the *Oxford Dictionary of Literary Terms*). With this tool, you therefore gain access to several useful dictionaries at once. Through Oxford Reference you can also access the [Oxford Thesaurus](#) containing synonyms and antonyms of words: a very helpful tool for academic writing.