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How do I use Google Scholar for research at Carthage?

You can access Google Scholar in the list of "All electronic resources" on the Research Resources page of the Hedberg Library's website (<http://libguides.carthage.edu/az.php?a=g>). Scroll down until you see Google Scholar. Click on the link. If you are off-campus, you will be prompted to login with your Carthage credentials to allow Google Scholar to link to Carthage's library holdings. (You may also access Google Scholar at the following web address: <https://scholar.google.com/>).

Setting up Carthage College as a Linked Library

The first time you use your Carthage credentials to log in to Google Scholar, you will need to activate the link to the Carthage College Library.

- Choose "Settings" at the top of the Google Scholar homepage.
- Click the "Library Links" option at the left and then the search magnifying glass. Results for Carthage College will be displayed.
- Select the entries for Carthage College and click "Save."
- **This step will have to be performed again if you use Google Scholar in a different browser or on a different computer.**

You will be directed back to the Google Scholar search page.

Enter your search terms in the box. Press "Enter" or click the search icon to the right.

Locating the Full-Text of an Article

Abstracts are freely available via Google Scholar for most articles, but full-text of articles are not always available on Google Scholar. To read the full-text of an article,

- Click a library link, e.g., "Find it at Carthage" to the right of the search result
- Click a link labeled [PDF] to the right of the search result
- Click "All versions" under the search result and check out the alternative sources
- Click "Related articles" or "Cited by" under the search result to explore similar articles.

If you cannot access the full-text of an article whose abstract sounds promising, you can likely **request the article through Carthage's Interlibrary Loan (ILL) service.**

- Go to the Carthage catalog located on the library's homepage: www.carthage.edu/library.
- Enter the title of the article you want in the search box. If Carthage owns the item, you should see a link to the full-text under the heading "Find a copy

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online.” If Carthage does not own the item you will see a blue box labeled “Request Item through Interlibrary Loan.” Click this box to log in to the ILLiad (interlibrary loan) program and submit your ILL request.

Search Tips

- If you're new to the subject you are researching, it may be helpful to pick up the terminology from secondary sources. E.g., a Wikipedia article for "overweight" might suggest a Scholar search for "pediatric hyperalimentation".
- If the search results are too specific for your needs, check out what the author of an article cites in their "References" sections. Referenced works are often more general in nature.
- If the search results are too basic for you, click "Cited by" to see newer papers that referenced the articles. These newer papers will often be more specific.
- Click "Related articles" or "Cited by" to see closely related work
- Search for an author's name to see what else they have written.

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