



Zoom and Remote Research for Students

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Zoom Class Meetings

Connectivity Issues

If you're having an issue with lag, a frozen screen, poor audio quality, or getting disconnected from the session, limit the amount of memory, processing power, and bandwidth you're requiring of your devices. Consider:

- Closing any unneeded applications or browser tabs.
- Turning off your webcam video when you don't need it.
- Muting yourself whenever you are not talking to the class.
- Moving closer to the router if you're using WiFi.
- Switching from a wireless connection (WiFi or cellular) to a wired one (Ethernet).
- Switching to your phone for audio (listening and speaking).

Minimizing Distractions

To limit distractions inherent in holding class in a medium other than a face-to-face, dedicated classroom, consider:

- Choosing a location that is quiet, has adequate lighting so you are easily visible on screen, and provides a background relatively free of distractions.
- Always logging in a few minutes early to set up your audio and video connections.
- Using headphones so you can hear better and noises in your location are less disruptive.
- Using earbuds or a headset, if possible, so that others can hear you better.
- Muting yourself whenever you are not talking to the class.
- Turning off your video momentarily if you need to step away.
- Silencing notifications from your computer, phone, and other devices.
- Presenting and conducting yourself as if you were face-to-face. Avoid the urge to multitask.

Doing Remote Research

CRCDS & UR Library Operations

As of March 18th, all physical UR Libraries locations are closed, but core staff are still working. See the [UR Libraries Covid-19 information page](#) for specifics. CRCDS's Ambrose Swasey Library will remain closed while CRCDS's campus is closed. Due dates for items that are currently checked out will be extended to September 1. Interlibrary loan due dates may differ; contact illreq@library.rochester.edu with questions.

Ask the Librarian

CRCDS Reference Librarian, Desirae Zingarelli-Sweet, will be available Monday–Friday during the day by email (dsweet@crcds.edu), phone (585-340-9601), and Zoom (email to schedule), to help with things like:

- Questions about your library account
- Issues accessing the library's online books, articles, etc.
- Finding sources you can access that fit your project and topic
- Citing your sources

Use Your NetID

If you don't have a NetID yet, request one from Rose Flickner, UR Libraries Patron Services Library Assistant, at rflickner@library.rochester.edu. Use subject line "NetID request – CRCDS." The NetID lets you access our e-books, databases, and articles and request articles from [interlibrary loan](#) (ILLiad).

Finding Books & Articles Online

- [UR Libraries' Articles, Books & More – Fully online only](#)*: searches virtually all online library resources at once. Can require a lot of filtering and adjusting to find what you need. NetID login required to read articles and e-books.
- [All library e-books](#)*: over 3 million available.
- [ATLA Religion Database](#)*: religion-specific database with PDF scholarly articles and information for books.
- [ProQuest Religion Databases](#)*: religion-specific database with PDF articles and e-book chapters.
- [JSTOR](#)*: scholarly database with PDF articles and e-book chapters, good coverage of religion/theology.
- [Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception Online](#)*: academic entries on aspects of the Bible like characters, places, and concepts and their interpretation and cultural influence over time.
- [Bible commentaries – E-books only](#)*: about 280 various Bible commentaries available as e-books. Some are historical commentaries. Add the book of the Bible you're looking for as a keyword.

Lectionary/Sermon Resources

- [Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Year B](#)*: library e-books.
- [Feasting on the Word & Feasting on the Gospels Series](#)*: library e-books.
- [Revised Common Lectionary Online from Vanderbilt Divinity Library](#): includes themed art, prayer, and hymns for each week.
- [TextWeek.com – Year A](#): collected art, hymns, prayers, commentary, and sermons focused on weekly readings.
- [WorkingPreacher.org](#): Commentary, reflection questions, and podcast episodes on weekly readings. From Luther Seminary (ELCA).

Citing Sources and Writing Papers

Citation Guides

- [CRCDS Citation Quick Guide \(PDF version\)](#)
- [Chicago Manual of Style Online](#)* (full style manual)
- [The SBL Handbook of Style, 2nd edition](#)*
- [Chicago Manual of Style/Turabian citation examples](#), Purdue University Online Writing Lab

Academic Writing Aids

- [The Craft of Research, 4th edition](#)*
- [Theological Writing Center handouts](#), Duke Divinity School
- [Grammarly @ edu](#): provides automated feedback on spelling, grammar, punctuation, clarity, style, and tone. Create an account or log in, then use the CRCDS access code PNHNeoplchpgWZU

* NetID login required.