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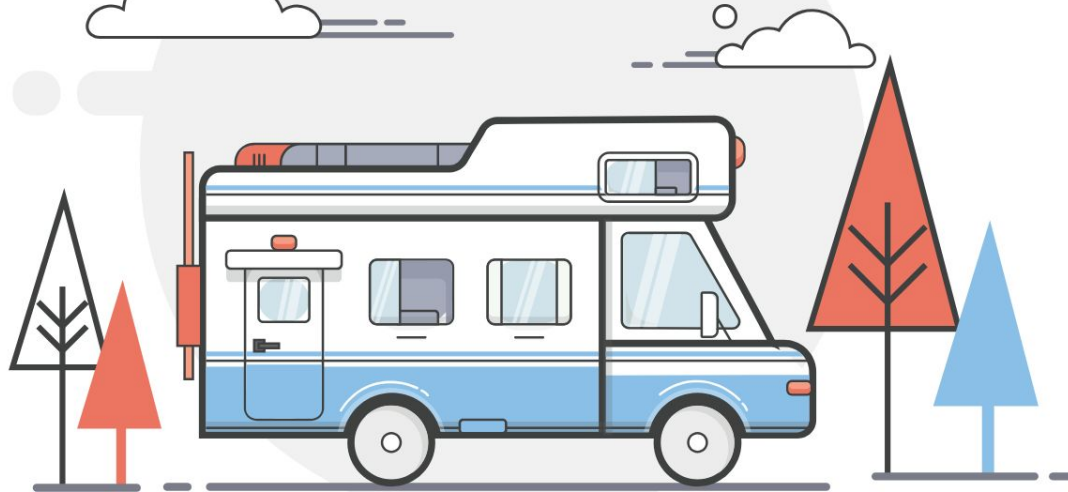
with an online Research Road Map

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"I never know where to begin"
"I am always puzzled as to what step to take first"
"I wouldn't even know where to start" (Mellon, 1986)

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This guide is an overview of services the CSUDH library offers, and tips for conducting research.

Start Your Research

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When considering ideas for a research topic, it can help to discuss your thoughts with librarians, your professors, and with other experts. In addition, try browsing encyclopedias focused on your field of study. When writing an argumentative paper, you can explore articles in controversial issue databases such as Opposing Viewpoints, linked below.

Explore the sites below for more ideas on choosing a research topic.

- **Opposing Viewpoints in Context**
  Contemporary social issues with a focus on the U. S. Browse by issue to find topic pages that provide curated lists of viewpoint essays presenting each side of a debate, academic articles, news, statistics, and more about that issue. A great resource for THE 120 & ENG 110/112.

- "Choosing a Topic," by Purdue Online Writing Lab

- "Choosing a Topic," by Cerritos College

- "Idea Generator," by Old Dominion University

- "Research Paper Topics," by Rio Hondo College

- "Debatabase: A World of Great Debates"

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Getting Started with Library Research

Your research road map from start to finish, for any major!

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- Starting Your Research Assignment
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- Reading & Evaluating Sources
- Writing About Your Research

✐ Starting Your Research Assignment

✔ Choosing a Topic	▼ Narrowing a Topic	☆ Developing Keywords
CSUDH Library Infographic	UNLV Topic Narrowing Tutorial	CSUDH Library Interactive Tutorial

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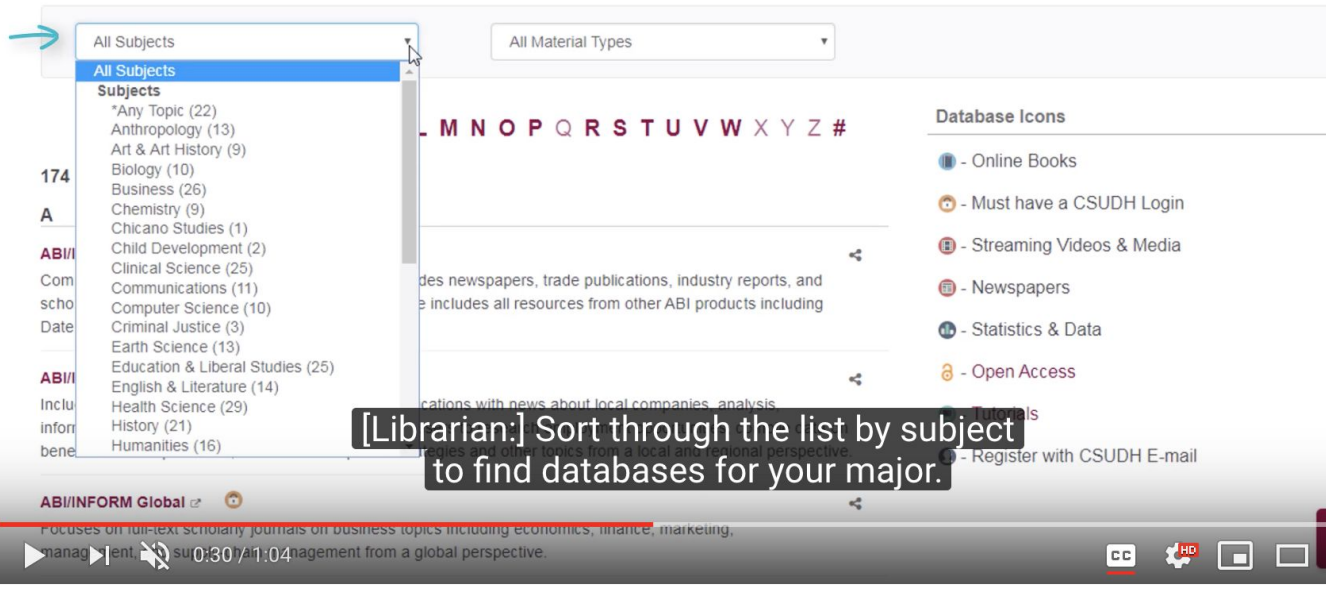EVALUATING SOURCES

WRITING ABOUT
YOUR RESEARCH

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⬤ - Streaming Videos & Media
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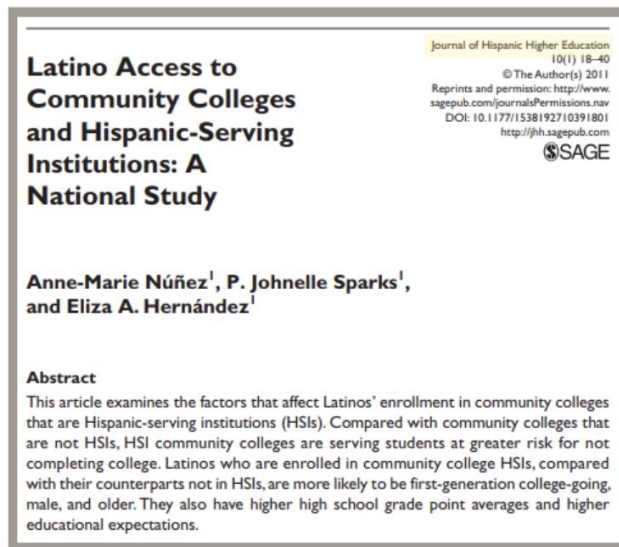to find databases for your major.

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Latino Access to Community Colleges and Hispanic-Serving Institutions: A National Study

Anne-Marie Núñez[1], P. Johnelle Sparks[1], and Eliza A. Hernández[1]

Abstract
This article examines the factors that affect Latinos' enrollment in community colleges that are Hispanic-serving institutions (HSIs). Compared with community colleges that are not HSIs, HSI community colleges are serving students at greater risk for not completing college. Latinos who are enrolled in community college HSIs, compared with their counterparts not in HSIs, are more likely to be first-generation college-going, male, and older. They also have higher high school grade point averages and higher educational expectations.

example: *Journal of Hispanic Higher Education*, Vol. 10, Issue 1, pp. 18-40.

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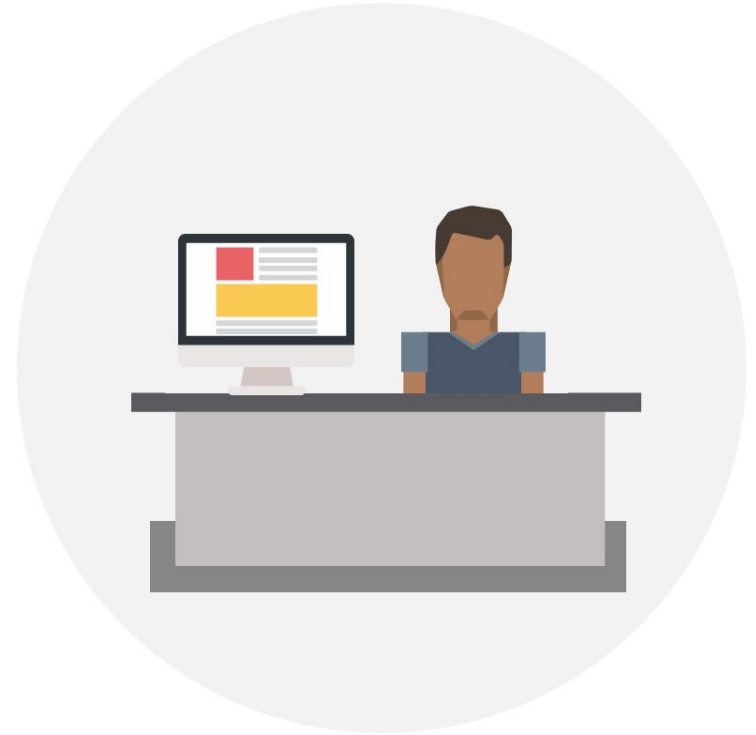
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