Get started on researching for assignments

Quick study guide

Some practical tips:

1. **Book into a Library orientation session**
   At the beginning of each semester the Library will offer sessions to introduce you to Library resources and services. Book in via your my.monash to find one at a campus near you.

2. **Reading lists and references**
   Take the time to get a head start searching for your course readings and suggested references in the Library Search.

3. **Investigate borrowing from other University libraries**
   Apply for a CAVAL card at a Library Information point. You may be able to borrow books from another Victorian university library.

4. **Citing & Referencing**
   Check out the Citing & Referencing Library Guide for examples of different referencing styles and how to correctly attribute other people's ideas into your academic writing. Book into a library referencing workshop or ask for help at a Research & Learning point drop-in session available at each library.

5. **Understand the faculty/departamental requirements**
   Before you start working on an assignment, make sure that you understand all of the requirements set out by the department or faculty in your unit guide.

6. **Academic sources and evaluation**
   Ensure you read and include a wide range of academic sources provided by the Library and do not rely entirely on your textbook. The Library provides access to peer reviewed journal articles and tips on evaluating sources for academic use. Check out your subject Library guide for more information.

7. **Planning and timing**
   Forward planning is essential as many assignments are due at the same time. Keep a visible list of due dates to remind you about conflicting deadlines.