## Searching Efficiently Links and Resources

### Library Links

**ECU Homepage**
https://www.ecu.edu.au/

**ECU Library**
https://www.ecu.edu.au/library

**Academic Databases**

**ECU Science Library Guides**
https://ecu.au.libguides.com/Science

**Study Essentials**
https://ecu.au.libguides.com/study-essentials

### Contacts

**Librarians**

Book a 15-minute appointment:
https://askus2.ecu.edu.au/s/article/000002908

Email a librarian
library@ecu.edu.au

**Learning Adviser**

Book a 30-minute appointment:
https://askus2.ecu.edu.au/s/article/000001642

Email a Learning Adviser
learningadviser@ecu.edu.au
The CRAAP test is a useful tool to assess information and to decide if it is useful for your assignment or research.

**Currency:** The timeliness of the information.
- When was the information published or posted?
- Has it been revised or updated?
- Do you need the most current information for your topic?
- Are the links functional?

**Relevance:** The importance of the information for your needs.
- Does the information directly relate to your topic?
- Does it help you answer questions?
- Who is the intended audience?
- Have you looked at other sources to find the best one?

**Authority:** The source of the information
- Who is the author or publisher?
- Are they qualified to write about the topic?
- Is there any contact information, such as a publisher or email address?
- If it is a website, does the URL say anything about the source? .com .gov .edu .org?

**Accuracy:** The reliability and correctness of the information.
- Is the information supported by evidence?
- Is there a reference list provided?
- Can you verify the information with another source?
- Has the information been reviewed or refereed?
- Does the language seem unbiased and free of emotion?
- Can you identify any spelling, grammar or typographical errors?

**Purpose:** The reason the information exists.
- What is the purpose of the information?
- Does the point of view appear objective and impartial?
- Is the information fact, opinion or propaganda?
- Are there political, ideological, cultural, religious, institutional or personal biases?