

How do I Search Subject Gateways?

- Depending on your subject area each subject gateway will have a different screen interface, the main features, however, are all very similar
- You will always see a search box for you to enter your keywords
- Try to use strong and focussed keywords, the quality of your keywords will determine the quality of the results you get
- Some of the Subject Gateways will guide you to resources by offering links for you to follow, allowing you to find information for particular areas within your subject, e.g if your main subject is the social sciences, **SOSIG** will let you focus on information for psychology or politics

Where can I get Further Help?

- If you would like further help using subject gateways or any other electronic information searching tool please book an appointment with a member of library staff, you can do this by asking at the library enquiry desk
- Next to the link to the subject gateways on the library web page, you will also find a link to an internet tutorial in your subject area. They are very good at helping you select quality web information, and show you what to look out for when searching the web



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Searching the Web

Using Subject Gateways



What are subject gateways?

- They are search engines that look for information for your subject on the internet
- All the web sites that you find through **subject gateways** have been evaluated by academics and subject librarians for their quality and reliability

Why use subject gateways?

- You can be sure that the resources you find will be suitable for use in your assignments
- You get focused results, so you don't have to search through lists of thousands of web sites, unlike other search engines
- They are free to use and you don't need a password



How do I find the Subject Gateway for my Subject?

Subject gateways are available to you through the library web pages and can be accessed from any computer with internet access at any time.

Follow these steps to find your subject gateway:

1. Go to the library website home page:
www.ucsm.ac.uk/library
2. Click on the **Resources for your subject** link
3. Choose your subject and click on the link
4. Find the heading **Web Links**
5. Under this heading you will find a blue link to your information gateway in the middle of the following sentence:
Search Link for quality web resources

What are all the Subject Gateways Called?

For each subject area the name of the gateway varies. They all have quite strange names but try not to be put off by that.

- **Altis**
Internet resources in hospitality, leisure, sport and tourism

- **Artifact** The major areas covered by Artifact are:

Advertising	Interactive Leisure Software
Architecture	Music
Art & Antiques Market	Performing Arts
Crafts	Publishing
Design	Software & Computer Services
Designer Fashion	TV, Radio, Film & Video

- **Biome**
Quality web resources in the area of Health and Life Sciences
- **EEVI**
EEVL provides access to quality networked engineering, mathematics and computing resources
- **GEsource**
Quality web resources in the area of geography and the environment
- **Humbul**
Humbul provides access to quality internet resources for the humanities
- **NMAP**
NMAP offers free access to a searchable catalogue of hand-selected and evaluated, quality Internet resources in Nursing, Midwifery and the Allied health Professions
- **OMNI**
OMNI offers free access to a searchable catalogue of hand-selected and evaluated, quality Internet resources in Health and Medicine
- **SOSIG** (pronounced 'sausage')
The Social Science Information Gateway (SOSIG) provides a trusted source of selected, high quality Internet information in the areas of the social sciences, business and law