

Fact-Checking Sources

Online course learning objectives

How do you find the right sources for your research, and check that they are accurate? This course will introduce you to why finding appropriate resources is vital to good research, how you can determine if a source is credible, why fact-checking is so important, and provide strategies to help with fact-checking.

This course will help learners to:

- Identify and evaluate different types of sources for research purposes
- Recognize indicators of credibility in sources to determine their reliability
- Navigate challenging source-related situations effectively during the research process
- Investigate the reputation of source authors and publishers to assess credibility
- Analyze the purpose and potential biases of sources to make informed decisions
- Utilize annotated bibliographies as tools for source evaluation and tracking
- Employ various strategies and techniques for fact-checking sources efficiently
- Adapt fact-checking strategies to different research scenarios and contexts
- Utilize tools and resources to assist in the fact-checking process
- Effectively communicate fact-checking results to diverse audiences

Language: English

Time to complete: 2 hours

Level: Beginner

Instructor: Sarah Morris

Online course full syllabus

MODULE ONE: WHY DO I NEED TO CHECK SOURCES?

Do you have a research project that you just want to finish? It might be tempting to find some sources quickly and just move on to your next steps. But taking the time to accurately identify and check sources can actually make your research project go more smoothly.

This module will help you to:

- Recognize the different stages of fact-checking
- Define credibility and explore indicators of credibility in sources
- Identify different types of sources

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- Recognize situations when certain types of sources are needed
- Navigate challenging situations with sources

MODULE TWO: WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN CHECKING SOURCES?

In this module, we'll dive deeper into strategies for fact-checking sources, including why it's important to investigate the author and publisher, to recognize the true purpose of a source, and to be aware of the impact of personal bias.

This module will help you to:

- Investigate the reputation of a source author and publisher
- Recognize why a source was created
- Consider the impact of personal bias on source evaluation
- Use an annotated bibliography to evaluate and track your sources

MODULE THREE: WHAT OTHER STRATEGIES CAN I USE?

This final module will help you to further develop your fact-checking skills. You'll learn to recognize situations where you need to dig deeper and engage in more in-depth fact-checking, utilize different strategies and techniques for evaluating complicated and tricky sources, and use different tools and resources to aid in fact-checking.

This module will help you to:

- Employ different strategies and techniques for effectively and efficiently fact-checking sources
- Determine which fact-checking techniques and strategies suit different situations and scenarios
- Use tools to assist with fact-checking
- Consider how best to share your work with your audience