1. We want our distance education students to have all the resources you need to fulfill the requirements for your coursework at Logsdon Seminary as you prepare for ministry. We therefore provide the sources listed below in which you may accomplish your research. As a distance education student, an excellent source of information is the online materials available through the ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials (see description below). Next, you should check with the area libraries for books (commentaries, etc.). If you are still unable to locate the necessary resources you should contact the HSU Richardson Library as explained below. If you have questions concerning your research needs please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Teresa Ellis, Theological Librarian, HSU and Logsdon Seminary at theolib@hsutx.edu or 325-671-2159.

**HSU Database Access**

1. Enter [www.hsutx.edu](http://www.hsutx.edu) and then click on Library (located at the top of the screen above the search box) or go directly to [www.hsutx.edu/library](http://www.hsutx.edu/library).
2. Click on Subject Guides (located on the tabbed menu bar at the top of the page) and click on Theology, Ministry, & Religion to find resources.
3. You may enter a search term in the Theology Research Roundup! box to search a wide selection of databases or you may click on ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials (located on the left side of the screen) to search this premier theology database exclusively. ATLA is the most useful database for most searches.
4. Enter barcode number (this is the 13-digit number located on the back of your HSU ID card that begins with 13070) or your HSU user name and password.

**ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials**

*ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials* is the premier index to journal articles, book reviews, and collections of essays in all fields of religion.

**Using the Advanced Search Screen**

1. The Advanced Search Screen is the default search screen and is the first screen you see when entering ATLA. For detailed instructions on various search features for the ATLASerials database click on the Help link found at the top of the screen (for example: Boolean Operators using and – if you are searching use the search term martin luther you will get results for 4,878 full- text articles. However, by using the Boolean Operator and you may narrow your focus or search in the following way: martin luther and reformation. This search results in 607 full- text articles. By adding yet another term, martin luther and
reformation and grace, you will narrow your search to 24 full-text articles that should represent what you are looking for more accurately. Read through the use of the other Boolean Operators not and or as well as the other tips listed.)

2. Enter search term in Search box.

3. Select Full Text box under limiters to get results with full text material only. (Full Text means that the entire article is available online.)

4. Select Article from the Publication Type drop box also under limiters if you want to get results with articles only rather than book reviews, essays, etc.

5. If you are looking for articles on a particular scripture passage you may enter that passage in the Search box or you may click on Scriptures located on the blue menu bar at the top of the page. Remember to look at your passage within its context – perhaps requesting an entire chapter.

6. When you find an article you want, click on the link at the bottom of the record. This link will be PDF Full Text, HTML Full Text, Linked Full Text or click here for electronic resource. This link will take you to the full text article.

7. If the article has a gold bar at the top of the page, click on the TOC (table of contents) to see if there are other articles in this particular journal issue pertinent to your topic.

8. To obtain the citation for a full-text article you may click on the PDF Full-Text link at the bottom of the results entry. The next screen will show the full record for the article. On the right side of the screen is a tool bar. Click on the yellow piece of paper icon. This will take you to the citation page. Scroll down until you find Chicago/Turabian Humanities. This is the citation format that is approved by the Logsdon faculty. You may cut and paste this citation into your document. To add the required URL to your citation you should click on thepermalink symbol on the right side tool bar. The URL will be shown at the top of the screen. Always refer to the Logsdon Style Guide to determine the requirements for citations.

Other HSU Database Resources
In addition to ATLA, the databases listed below may also assist you in your research needs. You may locate these databases by following the instructions listed above and clicking on the desired database. Additional databases are listed and described on the Theology, Ministry & Religion Subject Guide webpage.

- **Abingdon Ministry Matters** (contains e-books versions for The New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible and The New Interpreter’s Bible Commentary as well as other ministry resources)
- **Oxford Biblical Studies Online** (reference works in full-text from Oxford University Press)
- **Religion and Philosophy Collection** (database containing extensive coverage of theology and philosophical studies)
- **Encyclopedia of Hebrew Language and Linguistics** (a full-text reference tool for students and scholars of biblical and modern Hebrew)
- **Encyclopedia of Ancient Greek Language and Linguistics** (a full-text reference tool for students and scholars of biblical and classical Greek)
- **New Testament Abstracts** (database containing bibliographic data and links to some full-text articles)
Old Testament Abstracts (database containing bibliographic data and links to some full-text articles)
JSTOR (large database with full-text articles covering a variety of subject areas)
Academic Search Premier (large database with full-text articles covering a variety of subject areas)

Area Libraries
A. Lubbock Christian University
   Location: 5601 W. 19th Street, Lubbock, TX
   Phone: 806-796-8800
   Website: [http://www.lcu.edu/LCU](http://www.lcu.edu/LCU)
      - Click on “Current Students”
      - Click on “Library” (located under Academic Resources)
      - Click on “Library Catalog” to search library holdings

1. Student privileges
   Borrowing privileges to include a maximum of 20 books for a check-out period of three weeks

2. Student responsibilities
   a. Must provide name, address, phone number and identification number at the Circulation Desk upon first visit to LCU each new term
   b. Must present HSU ID and picture ID (driver’s license) at the LCU circulation desk when checking-out materials

B. Texas Tech University Libraries
   Location: 18th Street & Boston, Lubbock, TX
   Phone: 806-742-2261
   Website: [http://library.ttu.edu/ul](http://library.ttu.edu/ul)
      - Click on “Online Catalog” (located on the sidebar menus under Research) to search library holdings

1. Student privileges
   Borrowing privileges to include a maximum of 20 books for a check-out period of three weeks

2. Student responsibilities
   a. Request a TexShare card from HSU (through your professor)
   b. Present your TexShare card plus a picture ID (driver’s license) to the Tech library circulation desk when checking-out materials

C. Lubbock Public Library
   Location: Mahon (Main) Library, 1309 9th Street, Lubbock, TX
   Phone: 806-775-2835
   Website: [http://library.ci.lubbock.tx.us](http://library.ci.lubbock.tx.us)
      - Click on “Library Catalog” to search library holdings
1. **Student privileges**  
   Normal use of library facilities and services including borrowing privileges for all Texas residents

2. **Student responsibilities**  
   a. Must show proof of Texas residency (Texas driver’s license, etc.)  
   b. Complete application form at the LPL for a library card to receive a library card  
   c. Present library card whenever borrowing materials

D. **Wayland Baptist University Library**  
   Location: Mabee Learning Resources Center  
   1900 West 7th Street, CMB #528, Plainview, TX  
   Phone: 1-800-459-8648 or 806-291-3700 (Circulations Desk)  
   Website: [http://www.wbu.edu/a/a10/find/books.asp](http://www.wbu.edu/a/a10/find/books.asp)

1. **Student privileges**  
   Borrowing privileges to include unlimited number of books for a check-out period of one month

2. **Student responsibilities**  
   Must present HSU ID card when checking out materials

**HSU Richardson Library**

If you are unable to obtain the necessary materials from one of the sources listed above, you may search the HSU online catalog for those resources. To access the HSU online catalog you should go to [www.hsutx.edu](http://www.hsutx.edu), click on Library (located at the bottom of the graphic) or go directly to [www.hsutx.edu/library](http://www.hsutx.edu/library). Then click on the **Library Books and More** tab. This will take you into the HSU online catalog where you may begin your search.

If you need assistance with materials please contact [Mrs. Teresa Ellis, Theological Librarian, HSU and Logsdon Seminary at tellis@hsutx.edu](mailto:tellis@hsutx.edu) or at 325-671-2159. If you email, you should give the following information concerning the book(s) you were unable to locate at the non-HSU sources: title, author, publication date. If you have questions concerning the search process, please indicate the steps that you have already taken in your search. This will assist the librarian in her attempt to help redirect your search. Any books requested from the HSU library will be mailed to you and it will be your responsibility to return the books to the HSU library within the time period allotted for check-out. Again, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Ellis.

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