

ENVS 399 Senior Research: Research Log

A research project may take many hours of searching through library catalogs, journal databases and the internet to find the **best and most relevant** information on your topic. Keeping track of the resources you have used and how you searched them can help you to do a thorough and systematic search, and it can help you avoid duplicating your research efforts!

Use a **research log**, which is essentially a diary of your research process, to record what resources you searched, how you searched, and what results you found.

Your name:

What is the resource or database or internet site that you searched?

Specific questions about your research topic that you want answered with the results of a search of this resource/database:

Concepts, phrases, keywords or search strategy you used for this resource:

Results (about how many relevant and useful results did you get?):

Give some evaluative comments about the results. In other words, how well do your results answer the questions listed above? Or, how will these results contribute to your paper?