

Access from Off Campus

1. This is a brief tutorial on how to access Vassar library databases from off campus. Nearly all the databases on our Indexes and Databases list are available only to current Vassar faculty, staff, and students. Due to licensing restrictions, access cannot be provided to alums or other patrons.
2. To access the databases from off campus, start at the library's homepage. Then look for the "Access From Off Campus" link at the left bottom corner of the homepage.
3. When you click on this link, you will be taken to a page which says: "Welcome to the Vassar College Proxy Server: Off Campus Access to Restricted Resources."
4. At this point, you'll be prompted to enter your Vassar email username and password to verify your identity. You must have a valid Vassar email account to use this service and you must also have cookies activated in your browser. If your browser warns you that the security certificate doesn't match the site name, simply click on continue.
5. Once you enter your username and password, you will be taken to the library homepage. From there, if you click on the Indexes and Databases link under Electronic Resources, you will be able to choose and search any of the databases from the alphabetical or subject lists just as you would to access these resources from on campus.
6. To access Vassar's subscription resources through Google Scholar from off-campus, you must login to the Library homepage through the Proxy Server as for any other database. Click on the link to Google Scholar at the bottom of the Indexes and Databases page for information and a search box.
7. If you leave the library website and go to another website or if you search a database and go through ArticleLinker to the fulltext of a journal, you are still "proxied" as long as you see "libproxy.vassar.edu" in the URL.
8. If you experience any problems or want to learn more, contact proxysupport@vassar.edu.