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Are you concerned about keeping your GPA above a 3.0? There are a variety of reasons Georgia State students need to keep up their grades. That's why we host a series of workshops and online tutorials that will provide you with research success skills that not only help earn good grades, but can also prepare you for your future career beyond GSU.

We offer five workshops in this “Research Essentials” series. These may be taken in any order or as their own separate learning sessions. Research support is always available from our service desk on Library North 2.

1. **Avoiding Academic Dishonesty:** Plagiarism is a serious offense that can carry some severe penalties. We’ll help you cite right.

2. **Information You Can Trust:** Learn to evaluate your sources before using them in a paper.

3. **Discovering Articles, Books, Media & More:** We’ll help you learn how to efficiently find the resources you need.

4. **Perfecting Your Paper Topic:** Learn how to develop a research question, compose your topic and other techniques to refine your subject before you start writing.

5. **What PantherCard Can Do For You:** Having your PantherCard on you at all times is crucial to library access, printing and managing your library account.

If you can’t make it to a workshop, video tutorials are available for your convenience 24 hours a day. These tutorials will give you the library basics of:

- Searching the catalog
- Using our site
- Locating a book
- Citing sources appropriately

In addition, library personnel are also available for research support at our service desk on Library North 2, by email, phone and live chat. Studies show that college students trust their libraries and librarians more than they trust Wikipedia and other popular search engines. Why not stop by and let us help you survive college?

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**five things to do when you first visit the library**

1. **Get Your PIN:** Go to “My Library Account” on the library site and click “Get My PIN” to have it emailed to your GSU email account.

2. **PantherCash:** Activate your PantherCash debit account by visiting the PantherCard office located on the second floor of the University Bookstore Building, Suite 200. Bring a completed PantherCash Application Form & make a deposit of $5.00 or more and your account will be activated. PantherCash is used in the library for printing and can be used all over campus for parking, food and other purchases.

3. **Quick Printing:** Got PantherCash now? Good! Now you can print in the library. Printers are located on each floor that has computers. There are two computers at the Research Support Desk for Quick Prints. You can open your document and quickly print it without logging onto a computer.

4. **Textbooks:** The library generally doesn’t purchase textbooks. It would be impossible to buy all the textbooks needed for the number of students and classes. However, we may have some older editions of textbooks. You can also check other libraries within the University System of Georgia Universal Catalog.

5. **Workshops & Tutorials:** We offer a series of convenient workshops and tutorials that provide you with the skills needed to earn good grades. These may be taken in any order or as their own separate learning sessions. Research support is always available from our service desk on Library North 2.