Online Information from the United States Government

This is an overview of some of the federal and state government sites that are especially useful for class assignments. For more topics and materials, please see the library’s online catalog.

**General**

**USA.gov**

http://www.usa.gov

A central access point to U.S. government information across all topics. Search by department and/or topic.

**GPO Federal Digital System (FDsys)**

http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/search/home.action

Provides public access and preservation to government information provided by Congress and Federal agencies.

**100 Milestone Documents**

http://www.ourdocuments.gov/content.php?flash=true&page=milestone

100 historical U.S. documents in original form and transcripts, prior to 1965.

**Congressional Hearings**


Hearings provide testimony and opinions on proposed legislation and topics of current interest.

**Environment**

**Environmental Health and Toxicology**


Information about chemicals and drugs, diseases and the environment, environmental health, occupational safety and health, poisons, risk assessment and regulations, toxicology, and pesticide exposure.

**Department of the Interior**

http://www.doi.gov/index.html

Includes links to the Bureau of Land Management, the Office of Surface Mining, and the National Park Service.

**Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**

http://www.epa.gov/

Information on water, air, and other types of pollution, including related laws and green efforts.
**Education**

**ERIC**


This database offers both abstracts and full-text for scholarly journal articles and dissertations on education topics, including teaching and teaching theory, learning, and education administration. For full-text, go to Advanced Search, and check the box for Full-text Availability.

**Energy**

**Department of Energy**


Information about climate change, different types of energy such as fossil fuels, solar and bioenergy, and green initiatives.

**Health and Medicine**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**


Information on epidemics, emergency preparedness, illnesses, disabilities, diseases, viruses, genetics studies, and environmental and workplace health.

**Food and Drug Administration (FDA)**

[http://www.fda.gov/](http://www.fda.gov/)

Information on drugs, food, and other products that affect our health and safety.

**National Library of Medicine (NLM)**


Information on a variety of health topics, including biomedical research, general health (with information provided by other governmental agencies), nutrition, health news, and toxicology. Includes link to PubMed medical abstract database.

**PubMed Central (PMC)**


A free full-text archive of biomedical and life sciences journal literature at the U.S. National Institutes of Health’s National Library of Medicine (NIH/NLM).
Jobs and Economy

Occupational Outlook Handbook

http://www.bls.gov/OCO/

Information on careers including job outlook and training/education needed.

Legislative/Bills

Thomas: Legislative Information on the Internet

http://thomas.loc.gov/home/thomas.php

Information including bills, U.S. Code, the legislative process, the Supreme Court, historical documents including the Constitution, Bill of Rights, and Amendments, and the congressional record.

Native American

Tribal Information

https://www.usa.gov/tribes

Native American web portal, including legal, land, education, housing, and health information.

Science and Technology

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

http://www.nasa.gov/

Space exploration and phenomena from NASA.

Science.gov

http://www.science.gov

Search and browse for science topics including astronomy and space, geography, geology, the environment, biology, health, computers, natural resources, energy sources, biotechnology, animal sciences, and more.

Statistics

FedStats

http://fedstats.sites.usa.gov/

Gateway to federal statistics on many subjects including health, education, crime, the economy, labor, safety, agriculture, energy, and population demographics.
Census Statistics

http://www.census.gov/

Population demographics including business, health, housing, income, education, and population projections.

Health Statistics from Centers for Disease Control

http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/

National trends on health care, aging, morbidity and mortality, disease.

Statistical Abstract of the United States

http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/

Statistics across all categories for the population of the United States.

World

Country Studies

http://memory.loc.gov/frd/cs/cshome.html

Comprehensive overviews of countries, including historical information.

World Factbook


Extensive information on the countries of the world, including culture, detailed maps, political structure, resources, and general statistics.