



Virtual Library resources – catalogue and use for GMBS needs

Resource / Platform	Category	Primary function	Content type	Typical use at GMBS	Availability & currency monitoring
OpenAlex	Bibliographic index / catalogue	Identify scholarly outputs and map relevant literature	Metadata; relationships (authors, works, citations)	Topic scoping; author/journal identification; literature mapping	Regular checks of accessibility and continued suitability as a discovery layer; monitoring access changes
CORE	OA full-text aggregator	Locate and access open-access full texts	Full texts + metadata	Accessing articles for essays, projects, and theses	Monitoring link functionality and full-text availability; updating recommended search workflows
BASE	Academic search engine	Expanded searching across academic repositories	Metadata + links to OA sources	Interdisciplinary searching; strengthening literature reviews	Monitoring access stability; maintaining guidance on effective search strategies
DOAJ	OA journal index	Identify trustworthy OA journals and articles	OA journals + articles	Verifying suitable OA sources for citation; searching OA articles	Reviewing recommended titles; checking ongoing indexing and relevance
OpenStax	Open textbooks (OER)	Provide core no-cost textbook resources	Textbooks (full text)	Core reading for selected subjects (per syllabi)	Checking availability and editions; updating reading lists when newer versions appear



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Open Textbook Library	Open textbooks (OER)	Provide supplementary textbooks and extended reading	Textbooks (full text)	Supplementary learning; independent study support	Checking link functionality; selecting titles aligned with syllabi; refreshing recommendations
RePEc / IDEAS	Subject bibliography (economics/finance)	Targeted discovery of economics and finance literature	Metadata + often working papers (full text)	Literature reviews for economics/finance; working papers for analysis	Monitoring availability of key series and recommended sources; updating subject-specific lists
ERIC	Index / digital library (education)	Education and pedagogy research discovery	Metadata + selected full texts	Teaching & learning topics, instructional methods, QA-related areas (where relevant)	Monitoring relevance for GMBS needs; updating use cases as coverage changes
World Bank Open Data	Open data portal	Datasets and indicators for empirical analysis	Datasets/indicators	Quantitative projects; cross-country comparisons; trend analysis	Monitoring indicator availability; updating links in assignments; recommending access-date documentation



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IMF Data	Open macro/finance data	Macroeconomic and financial datasets	Datasets/indicators	Macro/finance analysis; modelling; country comparisons	Monitoring dataset updates; recommending access dates and use of methodological notes
Eurostat Database	Official EU statistics	Reference EU datasets and indicators	Datasets/indicators (multi-dimensional)	EU labour market; regional analysis; socio-economic comparisons	Monitoring stability of table structures/exports; recommending export date/version documentation
OECD Data	International indicators	Benchmarking and comparatives	Datasets/indicators	Strategic analyses; international comparisons; policy context	Monitoring indicator availability and methodology notes; refreshing recommended links