



Top 10 tips for Distance/Online Students

How can I get the books that I need to do my assignments & papers?

1. **Contact the PTS library – we can mail them to you.** Search for the PTS online catalog at <http://www.ptstulsa.edu/PTSLibraryCatalog>.
 - a. If you live in Oklahoma, get an **OK Share card** from us. This gives you some privileges at other colleges and universities in the state. <http://www.okhighered.org/ocald/ok-share-policies.shtml>
2. **Check with your local college, university or seminary library.** Most of them will allow some visitor usage and borrowing privileges. If you have any difficulty contacting them, contact the library at ptslibrary@ptstulsa.edu or 918-270-6437.
3. Use **WorldCat** to find books in your area. Go to <http://www.worldcat.org/>. See the WorldCat tutorial at <http://www.ptstulsa.edu/Tutorials>. Once you locate books, you can Interlibrary Loan (ILL) them through your local library or the PTS library. *Be sure to allow plenty of time for the books to get to you!*
4. **Join your local public library.** Even if they don't have the books that you need, they can Interlibrary loan (ILL) them for you. *Be sure to allow plenty of time for the books to get to you!*

What other online resources are there?

5. **Use the PTS library's EBSCO databases to locate journal articles, book reviews and other materials.** Go to <http://www.ptstulsa.edu/ResearchResources> and click on the **EBSCO** logo. You will log in using your Blackboard userid and password.
6. Search authoritative *reference* resources from respected publishers at **Credo Reference**. Go to <http://www.ptstulsa.edu/ResearchResources> and click on the **Credo Reference** logo. You will log in using your Blackboard userid and password.
7. Use **Oxford Biblical Studies Online** for the study of the Bible and biblical history. Go to <http://www.ptstulsa.edu/ResearchResources> and click on the **Oxford Biblical Studies Online** logo. You will login using your Blackboard userid and password.
8. Find **free online journals** at <http://www.ptstulsa.edu/FreeOnlineJournals>.
9. Use our **web resources** at <http://www.ptstulsa.edu/ReligionAndTheologySites>.
10. **Contact us!** Contact the **PTS library** anytime you need help. E-mail us at ptslibrary@ptstulsa.edu or call 918-270-6437. We're here to help!