

The library offers several tools to help off-campus students access the high quality information that you will need to complete your courses. One such tool is the proxy service.

The library licenses thousands of costly electronic resources such as scholarly journals, databases that help you search those journals, and ebooks to name a few. These resources are available only to members of the UD community. The proxy service allows the library to verify that you are authorized to view and download this licensed content.

When you're researching, start at the library website so that you can access the proxy. Conduct a search in a database of your choosing, or the catalog DELCAT Discovery, as I am doing here. Here's an e-book that I want to take a look at. Notice the link marked "View Now" on the search result. You can also find this link inside the full record.

The first time you click on such a link you will be taken to the campus "Central Authentication Service" page. Enter your UDelNet ID and password, and you will then be authenticated as a University of Delaware user, and you will continue to your selected resource. You generally need to do this only once during your session at the library site.

If you ever experience problems with the proxy or find that you are being prompted to pay for something, please reach out to the Library. We can help troubleshoot off-campus authentication errors and can help you obtain what you need through our "Article DELivery Service" or Interlibrary Loan.