

14. Use Computer/Internet for Buddhist Studies

1. Use Internet to find articles related to your research topic

If there are some articles same as that you are proposed, you may consider to change the topic.

Or read others' articles, and redefine your proposal so that your research will differs from others.

In the first chapter, such as Introduction, or methodology section, you need to review others' research. Finally, you need to tell why yours is different from others.

2. Database: Pali Tipitaka, Chinese Tripitaka and Tibetan Tripitaka

2.1 Key word search through whole data, one can get a historical development of certain doctrinal teaching.

This is good for study on the historical development of Buddhist doctrine.

For example: *ānāpāna*, *ānāpānasatti* to search Pali Tipitaka; and use the Chinese related Chinese terms for Chinese Tripitaka

Another example: write a research topic on “The intermediate existence (*antarā-bhava*)”, I need to find the Chinese Tripitaka by using key words: “中陰” and “中有” .

Web Information and computer data

How to use google to find ebook?

1. If there are many e-books on one website, we can use site search. For example:

site: elibrary.ibc.ac.th/mindfulness

This will search any page contents the key word “mindfulness”.

2. use synonym terms.

For example: mindfulness, satti, meditation,

3. use the asterisk wildcard

“Buddhism * lovingkindness *”

4. Use filetype to find PDF file containing the key word:

lovingkindness filetype:pdf