

RITTER LIBRARY GUIDE TO SEARCHING EBSCO DATABASES

Selected EBSCO databases (for full list select Choose Databases from within any EBSCO database):

Academic Search Complete - provides full text for more than 5,300 full-text periodicals, including 4,400 peer-reviewed journals in all subject areas.

Agricola - citations to journal articles, monographs, theses, patents, software, audiovisual materials, and technical reports related to agriculture.

Alt HealthWatch - provides in-depth coverage across the full spectrum of subject areas covered by complementary and alternative medicine dating back to 1990.

America: History and Life - is the definitive index of literature covering the history and culture of the United States and Canada, from prehistory to the present.

ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials - combines the premier index to journal articles, book reviews, and collections of essays in all fields of religion with ATLA's online collection of major religion and theology journals.

Business Source Complete - extensive full text content to business and trade journals, plus company profiles and Datamonitor reports.

CINAHL Plus with Full Text - provides indexing for 3,024 journals from the fields of nursing and allied health, with indexing back to 1937.

Communication & Mass Media Complete - provides access to research in areas related to communication and mass media.

Computer Source - provides researchers with the latest information and current trends in high technology.

Computers & Applied Sciences Complete - (CASC) covers the spectrum of the applied sciences, representing knowledge on traditional engineering challenges and providing material for research concerning the business and social implications of new technology.

Econlit - the world's foremost source of references to economic literature.

Education Research Complete - offers the world's largest and most complete collection of full text education journals, also covering areas of curriculum instruction as well as administration, policy, funding, and related social issues.

Environment Complete - full text for 400 journals, plus monographs, such as Encyclopedia of World Environmental History, Advances in Water Treatment & Environmental Management, and conference papers of the North American Association of Environmental Education.

ERIC - comprehensive source of education information, containing abstracts of documents and journal articles on education research and practice.

Gender Studies Database - covers the full spectrum of gender-engaged scholarship inside and outside academia.

Health Source: Consumer Edition - covers the medical sciences, food sciences and nutrition, childcare, sports medicine and general health.

Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition - provides nearly 550 scholarly full text journals focusing on many medical disciplines.

Historical Abstracts - covers the history of the world (excluding the United States and Canada) from 1450 to the present, including world history, military history, women's history, history of education, and more.

Humanities International Complete - a comprehensive database of humanities content, providing full text of hundreds of journals, books and other published sources from around the world.

International Bibliography of Theatre & Dance with Full Text - a databank of over 60,000 journal articles, books, book articles and dissertation abstracts on all aspects of theatre and performance in 126 countries.

International Political Science Abstracts - provides current indexing and abstracts of the world's leading journals in political science.

Mental Measurements Yearbook - a comprehensive guide to over 2,000 contemporary testing instruments in psychology, education, business, and leadership.

MLA International Bibliography - a bibliography of journal articles, books and dissertations on world languages and literatures.

Music Index - is the single most comprehensive annual subject-author guide to music literature. Published since 1949, The Music Index contains surveyed data from more than 725 international music periodicals from over 40 countries in 23 languages, covering all styles and genres of music.

Newspaper Source - provides selected full text for nearly 30 national (U.S.) and international newspapers. The database also contains full text television & radio news transcripts, and selected full text for more than 200 regional (U.S.) newspapers.

Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection - covers topics such as emotional and behavioral characteristics, psychiatry & psychology, mental processes, anthropology, and observational and experimental methods.

Regional Business News - This database provides comprehensive full text coverage for regional business publications, covering 75 business journals, newspapers and newswires from all metropolitan and rural areas within the United States.

Religion and Philosophy Collection - covers world religions, major denominations, biblical studies, religious history, epistemology, political philosophy, philosophy of language, moral philosophy and the history of philosophy.

RILM Abstracts of Music Literature - a comprehensive, ongoing guide to publications on music from all over the world, is an indispensable tool for scholars, students, librarians, performers, teachers, and music lovers.

SocINDEX with Full Text - the world's most comprehensive and highest quality sociology research database. The database features more than 1,600,000 records with subject headings from a 15,600 term sociological thesaurus designed by subject experts and expert lexicographers.

Sociological Collection - offers information in all areas of sociology, including social behavior, human tendencies, interaction, relationships, community development, culture and social structure.

SPORTDiscus with Full Text - offers comprehensive, bibliographic and full text coverage of sport, fitness and related disciplines.

Women's Studies International - covers the core disciplines in Women's Studies to the latest scholarship in feminist research.

Creating a Basic Search

1. On the Basic Search Screen, enter your search terms in the **Search** field.
2. Use **Search Options** for any of the optional Limiters or Expanders. You can use a specific **Search mode**, such as *Boolean/Phrase*, *Find all (or any) of my search terms*, *SmartText Searching*, *Apply related words*, or *Also search within the full text of the articles*. You can **Limit** your results to *Full text* or *Scholarly/Peer reviewed journals*. You can also limit by *Publication type*, *Published date*, *Language*, and usually by additional specialized limiters for the particular database you are using.
3. Click the **Search** button. The Result List displays.

Viewing Your Search Results

The Result List Screen has two columns. The left column provides options for refining your results, The main Results column displays citations for the articles found, typically in order by publication date (most recent first).

- **Results**
 - The **article title** link takes you to the full citation information, plus abstracts and full text, when available.
 - The **HTML Full Text** link takes you directly to the full text of the article. Tools for printing, emailing, saving, or exporting the article are on the right.
 - The **PDF Full Text** link takes you to a PDF version of the full text. The PDF will open in the Adobe ® Reader®.
- **Refine your results** gives you another opportunity to use the **Search Options** described previously.
- **Folder** – Use the **Add to Folder** (beneath each citation on the Results list, or under Tools when the complete citation is open), to collect relevant articles. To view the items in your Folder, click the **Folder** link at the top of the page.

Printing/E-mailing/Saving Search Results

- Click the **Print**, **E-mail**, or **Save** icons and follow the directions on screen to print, e-mail, or save your results. You can print, e-mail or save several results at the same time by saving them to the **Folder**, and then printing, e-mailing or saving all at once.
- Use the **Cite** icon to view your results in popular citation formats such as MLA, APA or Chicago/Turabian.
- To save your results for future use, be sure to **Sign In** to your personal account (My EBSCOhost). Once you sign in, your results are saved to the Folder, and can be retrieved at any time.



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- Use the **Subject: Thesaurus Term** link under **Refine your results** to see preferred terminology (more precise results).
- Use Advanced Search for more complex searches, or to search specific fields, such as author, article title, journal name, etc.
- Use Search History to view and or combine previous searches.
- **Find It!** is OhioLINK's linking service to all their other databases. It will link to the full text of an article if it appears in another database, and also link to Ritter Library's catalog for information on periodicals that are carried in print format.
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