



EBSCOhost Databases

Including:

Academic Search Premier
Business Source Elite
Newspaper Source
Health Source: Nursing / Academic
Health Source: Consumer Edition
PsycINFO
MLA International Bibliography
Professional Development Collection

EBSCOhost includes several databases that provide access to citations and abstracts of periodical literature (journals, magazines, and newspapers) as well as some full text and/or full image articles.

ACCESSING EBSCOhost:

Click on EBSCOhost or any of the name of any EBSCOhost database listed above from the library's online databases page, <http://www.stfrancis.edu/lib/name..htm>

Type <http://search.epnet.com/login.asp> in the location bar of your web browser

Access from anywhere other than the USF campus requires a password; call the reference desk at 815-740-5041 or 800-726-6500 to obtain passwords.

SUBJECT AND DATE COVERAGE:

Academic Search Premier- most academic areas of study—including biological sciences, economics, communications, computer sciences, engineering, language and linguistics, arts and literature, medical sciences and women's studies. Citations from 1984, Full text from 1990.

Business Source Elite- accounting, banking, finance, international business, management, marketing, real estate, regional studies, sales, trade and technology. Citations from 1984, Full text from 1990.

Newspaper Source- world news from 128 regional U.S. newspapers, 15 international newspapers, 6 newswires, and 4 U.S. national newspapers. Citations from 1994, Full text from 1995.

Health Source: Nursing / Academic- a wide variety of medical topics, peer reviewed coverage of nursing and allied health is particularly strong. Citations from 1984, Full text from 1990.

Health Source: Consumer Edition- wide variety of consumer health information from magazines, journals, pamphlets, and books. Citations from 1984, Full text from 1990.

PsycINFO: Psychology and related fields. Citations from 1887. No full text.

MLA: Literature, language, linguistics. Citations from 1963. No full text.

Professional Development Collection: Provides access to hundreds of education journals. Citations and full text from 1965.

CREATING A SEARCH:

The EBSCOhost databases default to a keyword search. To create a keyword search, simply click in the box and enter a word or words that define the information you are looking for. If you use multiple words, you should use Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT) to connect those words. If you do not, you cannot be sure what exactly the computer is searching for. Examples are given below:

AND: alcohol and abuse

This search will find all articles that have both the word alcohol and the word abuse in them. Use this operator to limit your search.

OR: computer or CPU or mainframe

Use this operator to broaden a search or when there are multiple words that describe the same concept.

NOT: holocaust not Nazi

Use this operator to eliminate words or concepts from your search. Be very careful, because this operator can eliminate articles that might be useful.

In EBSCOhost there are several other options for searching. The **Advanced Search** will help you build a search using Boolean operators. **Expert Search** requires you to know exactly which fields of the record you wish to search and to enter those codes...only the most advanced searcher should try this kind of search. **Natural Language Search** allows you to enter a phrase or question. The database treats the words entered as if they were entered with the OR operator, so if any of the words entered are found in an article, it is returned in the results list. This search tends to be very imprecise.

For more information about how to build searches and using truncation or wildcards, refer to the help screens within the EBSCOhost databases.

LIMITING OPTIONS:

EBSCOhost allows users to limit their search from the main search screens. The following limits are available:

Full Text: When this option is checked, only articles with the full text available are returned in the results list.

Magazine/Journal: Enter a journal or magazine name into this box and all of your results will come from this journal. You may use this limit with or without entering a keyword.

Date published: Use this option to limit results to articles published within your specified date ranges.

Peer Reviewed: When this option is checked articles returned in your results list will only come from publications that are peer reviewed. Use this limit when you need scholarly/academic/refereed publications.

VIEWING / MARKING RECORDS:

Once a search has been completed, a numbered list of results will be displayed. The total number of records will be shown at the top left of the screen. To see more information or the full text of an article, simply click on the title. There may also be options on this results screen for Full Text or Full Page Image (requires Adobe Acrobat Reader); clicking on Full Text will show the article full text in HTML format, clicking on Full Page Image will show the full text in a scanned .pdf format.

You may also mark records of interest by clicking in the box in the mark column on the results page. To view only the records you have marked, click on the Print/Email/Save button at the top of the screen. Select the options you want then click the Submit button. To maintain your links to the articles, make sure to select Links to Marked Items.

PRINTING / EMAILING / SAVING:

To print an article or citation, click into the record from the result list and select Print button. Select the option you would like and click the Print button again. The article will appear on a new page free of graphics and buttons; click on the Print button on your web browser to print it. Close the window to get back to your citations.

You may save an individual article or a marked list of articles to your computer's hard drive or to a disk by clicking on the Save button, selecting the format you wish and clicking Save again. Once you have a screen free of graphics, use the Save As option on your browser to save to the location of your choice.

A final option is to email the article(s) or list of citations to your own email account. Use the Email button, then select either to email the entire article or links to the articles. Enter your full email address (e.g. JohnDoe@aol.com) in the address box. You may also enter a subject. Click Email again. Each article in a list may be emailed separately.

UNIQUE FEATURES OF EBSCOhost:

Subject Search: Search for subject terms that have been assigned to an article.

Journal Search: Use this search to determine if the database indexes a particular journal.

Company Directory: Search for directory information about thousands of U.S. and international companies.

Image Collections: Search for photographs of people, places and events by keyword.

HOW TO FIND ARTICLES THAT ARE NOT FULL TEXT IN EBSCOhost:

If you find a citation to an article that you would like to view, but the full text is not available in ProQuest, you have several options to try to obtain the full text. Print your citations and do one or more of the following:

1. Use the **Article Linker** link within the article citation to see if full text is available in another database.
2. Perform a title search in the Online Catalog (on library homepage) for the title of the journal (not the title of the article) to see if the University Library owns a copy of the journal. If you are a distance learner, you may submit an Interlibrary Loan Request to have the article mailed at <http://www.stfrancis.edu/lib/forms.htm>.
3. If you cannot find the article full text online or owned by our library, submit an interlibrary loan request (see link information above) to have the library staff try to obtain the article from another library (this process may take two weeks).
4. For more information see the web page: <http://www.stfrancis.edu/lib/hotoft.htm>

SAMPLE CITATIONS:

Articles obtained from an online database must be cited in a bibliography just as those from a print journal must be. However, the format of the citation is somewhat different. Examples are given in APA and MLA formats. For more complete information see the Citing Electronic Resources link on the library homepage or refer to the printed APA and MLA manuals.

APA:

Tator, C., Carson, J. D., & Cushman, R. (03/21/2000) Hockey injuries of the spine in Canada, 1966 - 1996. *CMAJ: Canadian Medical Association Journal*, 162(6), 787. Retrieved November 15, 2000, from EBSCO Academic Search Elite database.

MLA:

Tator, Charles, James D. Carson, and Robert Cushman. "Hockey injuries of the spine in Canada, 1966-1996." CMAJ: Canadian Medical Association Journal 21 March 2000:162(6), 787. Academic Search Elite. EBSCOhost. University of St. Francis Lib., Joliet, IL. 15 Nov. 2000 <<http://search.epnet.login.asp>>.