



EBSCOhost Databases

Available EBSCOhost Databases

- Academic Search Premier
- Business Source Complete (It is recommended to use *Business Searching Interface* to search this database. A separate guide for this interface is available.)
- Communication Abstracts
- Communication & Mass Media Complete
- Criminal Justice Abstracts
- EconLit
- ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center)
- GreenFILE
- Image Collection
- Index to Legal Periodicals and Books
- Library, Information Science & Technology Abstracts
- MAS Ultra – School Edition
- MEDLINE
- Newspaper Source
- Regional Business News
- The Serials Directory

Access

1. At the Library Home Page (<http://www.cityu.edu.hk/lib/>), select **E-Resources**.
2. Select **Databases: Title List**.
OR
1. At the Library Home Page (<http://www.cityu.edu.hk/lib/>), select the **Databases** tab.
Use either of the following methods to access the database(s) you desire:
 - Select one of the databases listed above from the alphabetical list of databases.
 - Select **EBSCOhost Databases**. Click on **EBSCOhost Web**. Select one or multiple database(s) you want to search, then click the **Continue** button.

Search

Note: The fields and limit options available vary among databases in EBSCOhost. Academic Search Premier is used as an example in this part of the search guide. You may find more or less fields and options in other databases.

Basic Search (default search method)

1. Enter search term(s)

2. Start search

Optional

- Select a specific search mode, if desired.
- Expand the search, if desired
- Limit the search, if desired

Click Search Options to display the optional search modes, Expanders or Limiters.

- ① The default search mode that supports search with Boolean operators or exact phrase searching.
- ② If this mode is selected, all words entered will be combined with “AND” automatically.
- ③ If this mode is selected, all words entered will be combined with “OR” automatically.
- ④ When this mode is selected, the search box grows bigger. Type in text, or copy and paste text from an article or other source (up to 5000 characters including spaces) into the search box.
* This search mode is not available for all databases.
- ⑤ Expands search results to include the synonyms and plurals of the search terms.
- ⑥ Expands search results by finding the keywords entered within the full text of articles.
- ⑦ Find articles from a specific journal title by entering a journal name or part of it.

Advanced Search

The Advanced Search offers multiple text boxes, searchable fields, and various search options allowing you to create a well-focused search. You can also build a search using search history, specific limit and expand options.

The screenshot shows the EBSCO Academic Search Premier interface. Callout 1 points to the search input field. Callout 2 points to the 'Select a Field (optional)' dropdown menu. Callout 3 points to the 'AND' operator dropdown. Callout 4 points to the 'Search Options' section, specifically the 'Limit your results' area. Callout 5 points to the 'Search' button.

1. Enter search term(s).

2. Select a field to search.

3. Select operator* to combine terms entered in multiple text boxes.

4. Set limit & expand options (similar to Basic Search), if desired.

5. Click on search.

* Note that “and” takes precedence over “or” when grouping items together.

Search Tips

Boolean and Proximity Operators

Operator	Example	Finds articles containing...
AND	shopping and internet	shopping and internet in the same document
OR	survey or research	survey or research, or both, in the document
NOT	television not cable	Television, but not cable
N#	education N5 reform	education within 5 words of reform, i.e., “education reform”, “reform of secondary education”, etc.
W#	education W8 reform	education within 8 words of reform, <i>in the order specified</i> , i.e., the example would match “education reform”, but not “reform of secondary education”

where # is a number

Use of Parentheses:

Use parentheses to specify the order of operators, e.g., enter (second language or foreign language) and (learning or acquisition) to search for documents containing the phrase “second language” or “foreign language”, and the word “learning” or “acquisition”.

Wildcard and Truncation Symbols

Symbol	Function	Example	Finds articles containing...
?	to substitute a single character	wom?n	woman or women
*	Searches for words containing a common word root	comput*	computer, computing, computerize, etc.

Quotation Marks

Use double quotations marks to search for an exact phrase.

Save and Retrieve Searches/Alerts (for Advanced Search only):

Searches can be saved and retrieved later. If a search is saved as **Alert**, the search will be run automatically and notification can be sent to you via e-mail when there are results retrieved. A personal account is required:

1. Click on the **Search History** or **Alert** link in Advanced Search.
2. Click on the **Retrieve Searches/Alerts** or **Save Searches/Alerts** link, you will then be directed to the Login page.
3. Click on I'm a new user and create a personal account.

Display Results

The screenshot shows a search results interface with several key components and annotations:

- Left Column (Refinement Tools):**
 - 99 Results for...**: Total number of results.
 - Refine your results**: Includes checkboxes for Full Text, References Available, and Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals.
 - Publication Date**: A date range selector from 1982 to 2010.
 - Source Types**: Includes checkboxes for All Results, Academic Journals, Magazines, and Newspapers.
- Top Navigation Bar**:
 - Page: 1 2 3 4 5 Next
 - Relevance Sort
 - Page Options
 - Alert / Save / Share
- Search Results List**:
 - Item 1: "Stereotypes and Representations of Aging in the Media."**
 - By: Mason, Susan E.; Darnell, Emily A.; Prifti, Krisiola. Journal of Instructional Psychology, Jun2010, Vol. 37 Issue 2, p189-190, 2p; (AN 52842374)
 - Subjects: STEREOTYPES (Social psychology); DIGITAL media; MASS media; SOCIAL psychology; AGING -- United States; QUANTITATIVE research; QUALITATIVE research; UNITED States
 - Database: Academic Search Premier
 - Relevancy: ██████████
 - Cited References: (5)
 - Full Text Options: HTML Full Text, PDF Full Text (1.1MB)
 - SFX icon: Click to check availability of full text via SFX.
 - Item 2: "Media Literacy Art Education: Deconstructing Lesbian and Gay Stereotypes in the Media."**
 - By: Sheng Kuan Chung. International Journal of Art & Design Education, Feb2007, Vol. 26 Issue 1, p. DOI: 10.1111/j.1476-8070.2007.00514.x; (AN 23750258)
 - Subjects: MEDIA literacy; GAYS in mass media; ART -- Study & teaching; STEREOTYPES (Social psy MASS media & children
 - Database: Academic Search Premier
 - Relevancy: ██████████
 - Full Text Option: PDF Full Text (95KB)
 - SFX icon: Click to check availability of full text via SFX.

Annotations provide instructions for various actions:

- "Select to sort results in different order, if desired." (points to Relevance Sort)
- "Mouse over the Preview icon to view the Abstract." (points to a magnifying glass icon)
- "Click to view alerting, linking and bookmarking options." (points to Alert / Save / Share)
- "Click to display the list of references cited in this article." (points to Cited References: (5))
- "Click either link to display full text of the article **" (points to HTML and PDF Full Text links)
- "Click on a title to view full record." (points to the article title)
- "Click to add records to a folder for later viewing, exporting, saving, printing or e-mailing." (points to the Add to folder icon)

** Full text can be available in different formats:

HTML Full Text
Full text of the article in HTML format

HTML Full Text
Complete article text in HTML format, along with photographs, illustrations, figures, charts, or other images that can be viewed and saved as separate files

PDF Full Text
Scanned images of articles in Portable Document Format (PDF)

Print/E-mail/Save/Export Search Results

To print/e-mail/save/export a single record:

- Click on the respective icons on the right of the citation/full-text record.
- Use the **Print/Save** button in Adobe Reader to print/save articles in PDF.
- The Export Manager allows you to save/e-mail citations in a format that can be uploaded to a bibliographic management software, such as RefWorks.

To print/e-mail/save/export marked records in folder:

- i) Click the **Folder** icon at the top of the screen, or the **Folder View** link in right column to display all marked records.
- ii) Click on the respective icons at the top of the marked records list.