

EBSCOhost Databases: A Guide

What is EBSCOhost? a powerful online reference system offering a variety of proprietary full text databases and popular databases from leading information providers. ISU's collection provides access to over 40 databases that provide access to full text and abstracted articles. Some databases are general in nature, while others are geared toward specific academic disciplines. It should be noted that a number of the databases index both scholarly and popular periodicals, and some databases contain other materials as well, so care must be exercised when searching for materials.

Topics covered: some databases [e.g. Academic Search Premier, MasterFILE Premier] cover a broad range of topics; others have specific coverage of topics in business, education, medicine & health, literature, sports & recreation, psychology, geography, communication, etc.

To access all EBSCOhost databases

1. Connect to the library's home page <http://library.indstate.edu>
2. Click on **Databases**
3. Click on **EBSCOhost**

[To access a specific EBSCOhost database: if you already know the database name, access it directly from the Library's Databases/Alphabetical list.]

Selecting a database

1. Click on EBSCOhost Web [A list of databases will appear]
2. To select only one specific database, click on the title of that database
3. To search a combination of databases, click the boxes next to the titles



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Academic Search Premier

The world's largest academic multi-disciplinary database, *Academic Search Premier* including full text for more than 3,100 peer-reviewed journals. Coverage spans as far back as 1975. This database is updated on a daily basis via EBSCO host.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ERIC <i>ERIC</i> , the Educational Resource Information Center contains more than 2,200 digests along with references for additional information and citations and abstracts from over 980 educational and education-related journals. More Information
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Professional Development Collection Designed for professional educators, this database provides a highly specialized collection of more than 550 full text journals, including more than 350 peer-reviewed titles. <i>Professional Development Collection</i> is the most comprehensive collection of full text education journals in the world. Title List More Information

4. To access the database/s click on **Continue** at the top of the screen



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Searching EBSCOhost Databases

1. After selecting database(s) to search you will be sent to the basic search screen.
2. To confirm that you are searching only in the database(s) you selected, check at the top of the screen.



Database: Academic Search Premier; MasterFILE Premier

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Find:

[Search Tips](#) Folder is empty.

3. At the top of the screen are a number of tabs, two of which indicate the search options "Basic" and "Advanced." Select the "Advanced" search tab.
4. In each database, Advanced Search will appear the same.



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Find: in

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5. In the "Find" boxes, enter the search term(s) you wish to use.
6. Use the drop down menus to the right of the find boxes to select a search field [text, author, title, etc.]

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Limit your results:

Full Text

Limiters | Exp

- Default Fields
- TX All Text
- AU Author
- TI Title
- SU Subject
- AB Abstract or Author Supplied Abstract
- KW Author Supplied Keywords
- GE Geographic Terms
- IS ISSN (No Dashes)
- IB ISBN
- SO Journal Name
- AN Accession Number

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- Use the drop down menus to the left to combine terms. “And” searches for both terms when they occur together. “Or” searches for either term. “Not” searches for one term but not in combination with the other.

Find:

and
and
or
not

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- You may refine your search by limiting your results to “Full Text” or “Peer Reviewed” (scholarly) articles. You may also limit your search by publication (Magazine/Journal) and by the date of publication.

Refine Search | Search History / Alerts | Results

Limit your results:

Full Text

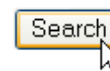
Magazine/Journal

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Peer Reviewed

- At the bottom of the search screen you will also find “Special limiters” specific to the database(s) selected.

- After you have entered all the information about your search, click on



Viewing the Search Results

- After clicking the “Search” button, a list of articles that relate to your search terms will be displayed. The number of articles retrieved will be displayed in the upper left corner of the screen. The articles are displayed in chronological order, with the most recent article first.

✓ Limiters set

Refine Search | Search History / Alerts | Results

To print, e-mail, or save an article or citation

◀ 1 to 20 (of 721) ▶ Pages: 1 2 3 4 5 ▶

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- [Exhibition Reviews](#). By: Bruckmann, Patricia C.; Grant, Jennifer Ann. *Textile History*, Nov2003, Vol. 34 Issue 2, p235, 6p; DOI: 10.1179/004049603235001724; (AN 11521882)

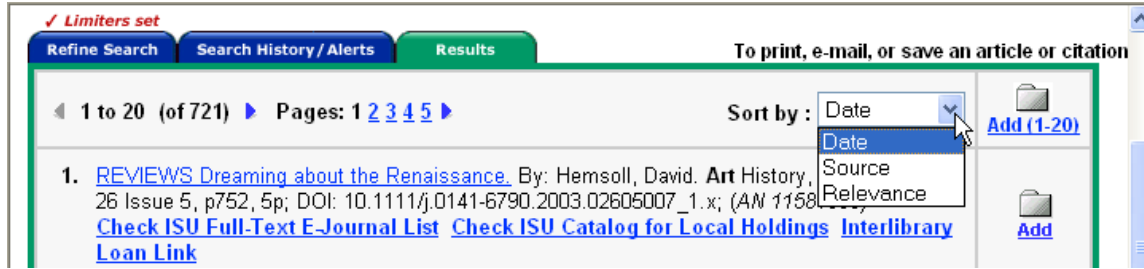
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- To change the order in which the articles are displayed, use the “Sort by” drop down menu in the upper left corner of the screen.
- If the number is greater than fifty, you will need to refine your search. Click on the “Refine Search” tab to further limit your search.

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4. To view citations and abstracts for a record, just click on the article title.



Explanation of Article Links and Symbols

1. “Check ISU Full-Text E-Journal List” sees if the library has a full-text electronic version of the article available in another database.
2. “Check ISU Catalog for Local Holdings” automatically searches the ISU catalog to see if the library owns the title you are looking for.
3. If the library does not have your article, click on the Interlibrary Loan Link and fill out the form that will let you order it from another library.



4. “HTML Full Text” means that that article is available in full text form, but not exactly how it appeared in the print journal.
5. “PDF Full Text” means that the article is available as a PDF scan, including all graphics and pictures, exactly as it appeared in the print journal.
6. The camera symbol indicated that the article contains a photographic image.

Print/Email/Save

1. After an HTML article is displayed, you will find several links at the top and bottom of the screen. These links will allow you to add the article to your folder, to print the article, to email the article to yourself, or to save the article to a disk.
2. After a PDF article is displayed, you will find both links and icons at the top of the screen. The links will allow you to add the article to your folder, or to email the article to yourself. The icons will allow you to print the article, or save the article to a disk.
3. For best printing results, do not click on browser’s printer icon.

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