

# EBSCO Article Databases

## What is EBSCO?

EBSCO is a company that makes hundreds of library databases; the COS Library currently has about fifteen of them. EBSCO databases are a great place to look for journal, magazine, and newspaper articles

## Getting Started

1. Go to the [Library's home page](#)
2. Click on **Articles & Databases**
3. Select a database (see the "Choosing" section below) and click on the database name to open it
4. If you are off-campus, log in with your COS email address and password

## Choosing an EBSCO Database

Always consider using one or both of our two general databases which cover a wide variety of topics:

- *Academic Search Complete* (mostly academic research/scholarly/peer reviewed articles)
- *MasterFILE Premier* (mostly articles written for a general audience)

Other EBSCO databases focus on specific subjects so not every database will cover your topic well! Take a minute to choose the ones that are a good match for your topic. Open a general database, then click on the **Choose Databases** link above the search box to bring up a list of all the databases you can search at once. Simply choose the ones you want and click on **OK**.

## Key features of the Results screen

1. The article title is a link; click on the title to go to a Details Screen which has more info about the article
2. Try using **Subject Terms** to improve your keyword searching
3. In the "Limit to" section in the left sidebar: Check the box next to **Full Text** so that all your results will include the article for you to read. Check the box next to **Peer Reviewed** if your assignment requires it
4. Use the **date slider** to limit results to recent articles

## Key features of the Article Details screen

1. *Left sidebar*: Click on **PDF** or **HTML Full Text** to open the article (there may only be one option)
2. *Record Details (center screen)*: The **Source** line has the name of journal/magazine/newspaper that published the article
3. *Record Details (center screen)*: Try using **Subject Terms** to improve your search
4. *Record Details (center screen)*: The **Abstract** gives you a summary of the article
5. *Record Details (center screen)*: If you are searching more than one database at a time, look at the bottom of the Details screen to see which **Database** the article is from
6. *Tools (right sidebar)*: **Email** yourself a copy of the article with a link back to the database and a citation
7. *Tools (right sidebar)*: The **Cite** tool helps you create a citation
8. *Tools (right sidebar)*: Click on **Permalink** to get a link back to the article. Do not use the web address (URL)!

## Getting help

Use **Ask Us!** to email the Library or click **Help** for the EBSCO help screens (both in the upper right corner of the screen), or look for the blue chat icon (bottom right corner) to see if a librarian is available for live chat.

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