What is EBSCO?
EBSCO is a company known for the hundreds of library databases they offer; the COS Library currently has about fifteen EBSCO databases. EBSCO databases are a great place to look for journal, magazine, and newspaper articles.

Getting Started
1. Go to the Library’s home page at: www.siskiyous.edu/library
2. Click on Articles & Databases
3. Select a database (see the “Choosing” section below)
4. Click on the database name to open it
5. If you are off-campus, log in with your COS email address & password
6. Search more than one database at a time if you want (see below)

Choosing an EBSCO Database
Not every database will cover your topic well! Take a minute to choose the ones that are the best matches for your topic. Start by opening one, then use the Choose Databases option to search more than one database at a time.

General databases (cover a wide variety of topics)
Always consider using one or both of our two general databases which cover a wide variety of topics:
- Academic Search Complete (has more academic research/scholarly/peer reviewed articles than MasterFILE)
- MasterFILE Premier (has more articles written for a general audience than Academic Search)

Subject Databases
- America: History & Life
- Business Source Elite
- Regional Business News
- ERIC (education & teaching)
- Professional Development Collection (teaching)
- MAS Ultra (articles written for high school age students)
- Primary Search (articles written for elementary age kids)
- Military & Government Collection
- Newspaper Source (local/national news, current events)
- Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection

Nursing Databases
- CINAHL Plus
- Health Source: Nursing Edition
- MEDLINE

Consumer Health Databases
- AltHealth Watch (alternative medicine)
- AHFS Consumer Medication Information
- Health Source: Consumer Edition

Searching more than one database at a time
You can search more than one EBSCO database at the same time by using the Choose Databases link over the search box. Clicking on Choose Databases brings 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. Use Ask Us! to email the Library for help
2. Click on the article’s title to go to a Details Screen with more info about the article
3. Try using Subject Terms to improve your search
4. Full Text means all your results will include the article for you to read; check the Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) box if your assignment requires it
5. Use the date slider to limit results to just recent articles
6. The Source line tells you the name of journal/magazine/newspaper that published the article
7. To print or email the article to yourself, look under Tools
8. The Cite tool helps you create a citation
9. Click on PDF (or HTML) Full Text to open the article

Key features of the Article Details screen

10. The Abstract gives you a summary of the article
11. 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