EBSCO Article Databases

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 it 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 (link in the upper right corner of the screen)
2. The article title is a link; click on the title to go to a Details Screen which has more info about the article
3. Try using **Subject Terms** to improve your search (the list of subject terms appears after the title, author names, journal title and other publication information, and the abstract excerpt)
4. Checking the box next to **Full Text** (in the “Limit to” section in the left sidebar) means all your results will include the article for you to read; check the box next to **Scholarly (Peer Reviewed)** if your assignment requires it (also in the “Limit to” section in the left sidebar)
5. Use the **date slider** to limit results to just recent articles

**Key features of the Article Details screen**
6. The **Source** line tells you the name of journal/magazine that published the article
7. To print or email the article to yourself, look under **Tools** in the right sidebar
8. Click on the **PDF** (or **HTML**) **Full Text** link in the left sidebar to open the article
9. The **Cite** tool (in the **Tools** area of the right sidebar) helps you create a citation
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

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