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](http://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 mySiskiyous username & 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