

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 (left sidebar)
3. Select a database (see the "Choosing" section below) and click on the database name to open it
4. If prompted, 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 database name above the search box (such as Academic Search Complete) to bring up a list of all the databases you can search at once. Simply choose the databases you want and click on **Select**.

Getting help

In the left sidebar on most screens, click on **Research Help** to go to the Library's web site for video tutorials and handouts. Click **Contact the Library** to go to our home page for all the ways you can reach out to us.

We love research and are always happy to help!

Key features of the Search Results screen

1. Under the search box are buttons for popular filters. The **Full Text** button ensures you can read the article. Use the **Peer Reviewed** button if your assignment requires it. **All Filters** has all available filter options
2. If an article is from a peer-reviewed journal it will display a "peer reviewed" statement above the title
3. The article title is a link to the article details screen, which has more information about the article
4. The **abstract** below the title provides a summary of the article. Click **Show More** to read the entire abstract
5. Try using **Subject terms** to improve your keyword searching. Subjects are listed below the abstract
6. Below Subjects is the article's publication info, which database the article is from, and the authors' names
7. **Access options** lets you open the article to read it. Access Options is also available from the article details
 - **PDF:** Article is laid out as it appeared in print, has all illustrations (diagrams, maps, photos, etc.)
 - **Online Full Text:** Will include all text but may lack illustrations. Usually loads faster with slow internet connections, has a translate option, may have a table of contents for easier navigation, audio reader is apt to work better; good choice for use with screen readers

Article tools

You can access the toolbar once you have opened the article in either PDF or Online Full Text view. Rest your cursor over each icon in the toolbar to see the name.

1. **Download** lets you save the article to your computer

2. **Translate** gives you a computer-generated translation of the article (must be in Online Full Text view)
3. **Table of Contents** opens a linked table of contents for easy navigation (must be in Online Full Text view)
4. **Listen** (audio) will read the page to you
5. **Save Item** and **Add to Project** allow you to save to your EBSCO account (if you make one); you can save without an EBSCO account by using *Download* or the *Share* option
6. **Cite** allows you to copy a citation using APA, MLA or other citation styles; always check it for accuracy!
7. **Share** allows you to upload the article to Google Drive or OneDrive, email it, or save a link to the article
8. Use the **Print** icon to print the article

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