

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

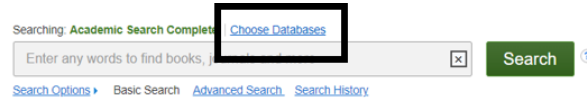
1. Go to the [Library's home page](http://www.siskiyous.edu/library) at: www.siskiyous.edu/library
2. Click on **Articles & Databases**
3. Select a database (see the "Choosing" section below) and click on the database name to open it
4. If you are off-campus, log in with your COS email address and password

Choosing an EBSCO Database

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

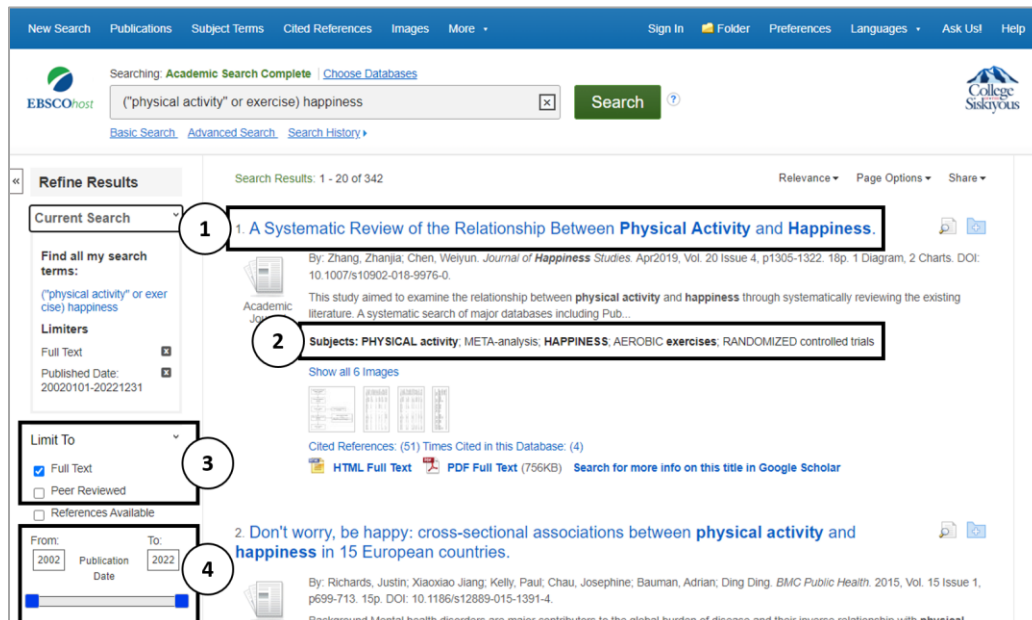
- *Academic Search Complete* (mostly academic research/scholarly/peer reviewed articles)
- *MasterFILE Premier* (mostly articles written for a general audience)

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:* The **Source** line has the name of journal/magazine/newspaper that published the article
3. *Record Details:* Try using **Subject Terms** to improve your search
4. *Record Details:* The **Abstract** gives you a summary of the article
5. *Record Details:* 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)!

The screenshot shows the EBSCOhost interface for a search result. The search query is "(physical activity" or exercise) happiness". The article title is "Systematic Review of the Relationship Between Physical Activity and Happiness." The authors are Zhang, Zhania and Chen, Wenjun. The source is the Journal of Happiness Studies, April 2019, Vol. 20 Issue 4, p1305-1322. The subject terms include PHYSICAL activity, META-analysis, HAPPINESS, AEROBIC exercises, and RANDOMIZED controlled trials. The abstract discusses the relationship between physical activity and happiness through a systematic review of literature. The database is Academic Search Complete. The tools sidebar on the right includes options for Google Drive, Add to folder, Print, E-mail, Save, Cite, Export, Create Note, Permalink, Listen, and Translate.

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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