

FCS301 UI Library Resources Session

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Services and Help

- Help: Reference desk phone, email, IM or in person. OR email me directly or make appointment using **Research Assistance Program**,
- **Off Campus access and services:** The barcode on your Vandal ID serves as the number you need to access subscription databases from off campus.
- **Interlibrary Loan (ILL)** for items we don't own. No charge. Set up account. Articles almost always come via an electronic link and you are notified when they are available (usually 2-3 days). You can use the ILL links in the "360 Link to Full Text" screens for easy ordering.

Books: Search the new UI Library catalog (AKA WorldCat Local). Nearest libraries are generally shown first in the list and books not available here can be ordered. Books from LCSC or NIC are the quickest to arrive. Renew online.

WSU Libraries catalog: available through "Other Libraries" link. Can see what journals WSU owns and go over there. Cannot use WSU's electronic journals from Moscow or remotely. You may also see WSU books when you use our catalog and look at books owned by "WorldCat Libraries."

Journal Articles

General search tips:

- If results are not what you wanted, change terms (or combinations of terms) or databases.
- Many different databases; use subject pulldowns to find, "Info" to see content summary and if there are limits on number of concurrent users. For interdisciplinary subjects, email me for help.
- Vendors and search interfaces: We buy access from different companies (vendors). Sometimes we have access to many databases from one company so the search interface is the same and you can cross search. If the vendor for two databases is different, you will have to do separate searches. Search interfaces differ greatly.
- Government databases like Medline, ERIC and Agricola may appear in multiple search interfaces. Watch for them and add them to your search if appropriate.
- Some databases, like those from CSA, require that you put AND between terms to narrow your search. Most databases automatically put AND between words. If your results seem different than expected, check the help section for tips on how to combine terms.
- A wildcard (truncation) symbol stems a word so the search will include different endings. Commonly * is the truncation, but not always.

- **360 Link to Full Text:** In a list of articles, you will generally see a link to “360 link to full text” (icon, text or alternate text such as “Get full text” or “ArticleLinker”). Clicking on this links you to the electronic article or helps you to find out whether we have online or print access to the full text of the article you need.
- **Magazine and Journal Title list:** Use when you have an exact journal article (citation already known) you want to look for or you want to browse a journal you know about. Find the journal name in the article citation and use that as your starting place. Type in the journal name and view the links.
- **Print journals** are on the 2nd floor of the UI library. Bound issues have a call number and current issues are shelved alphabetically by the title.

Major Article Databases

Name	Features	Company/Vendor information
Agricola	Agriculture/Food Science index, 1985 – present, from USDA	2 versions: Ebsco easiest and has 360 Link; can search other Ebsco databases at once by clicking on “Choose databases”
AltHealthWatch	Articles on alternative, holistic and complementary medicine. Much of it is popular or trade magazines, but can be useful for this perspective.	Ebsco
BIOSIS Previews	Journal articles and professional publications in life sciences, biomedicine and related fields.	ISI –Searchable with Web of Science
CAB Direct	Covers agriculture, nutrition. From UK – international focus. 1900 – present. Includes many article citations we don’t own (order from ILL).	CAB (Commonwealth Agricultural Bureau) – their own search system
EBSCO databases	You can select a wide range of databases to search at once, including popular and scholarly information. REMOVE (uncheck) MASTERFILE PREMIER to reduce the inclusion of popular articles.	Ebsco
ERIC (Education Resource Information Center)	Covers the field of education. Searchable separately in Ebsco or with other Ebsco databases. Includes many ‘documents’(in addition to journal articles) which are frequently available in full text.	Ebsco, CSA, Firstsearch and our catalog
HealthSource Nursing Academic	Can be searched with other Ebsco databases. Covers health, nutrition, medicine. The UI Library will own more articles here than in PubMed	Ebsco
Physical Education Index	Scholarly and trade journal articles in the fields of sports, physical education, sports nutrition and sports medicine.	CSA, searchable with Sociological Abstracts

PsychInfo	Scholarly index in the field of psychology providing citations and abstracts of international journal articles and current chapter and book coverage. Monthly updates Coverage: 1887-Present	OCLC FirstSearch, searchable with Articlefirst, ERIC and our library catalog.
PubMed (Medline)	Best known biomedical database, 1965 – present. Includes many article citations we don't own (order from ILL). Put AND between search words if you don't get good results.	NLM. Using link from the library's web page provides 360 Link help for results. Medline can also be found in Ebsco, CSA and ISI and combined with other databases in those systems.
Sociological Abstracts	Includes citations in the international literature in sociology and related disciplines in the social and behavioral sciences. 1952-present. Use if you need a sociological perspective.	CSA, searchable with Physical Education Index
Web of Science	Huge database covering many fields of science and also social sciences. Allows cited reference searching, 1955 – present. Includes many article citations we don't own (order from ILL)	ISI, with BIOSIS and Medline

Major Full text databases

The journal databases are searchable alone, but you will also be linked to full text articles within them when you use 360 Link to Full Text. Recommendation: Don't generally search these full text databases (except for Environmental Health), but first use the article indexes above.

Name	Features	Company/Vendor information
Elsevier Science Direct (aka ScienceDirect)	Large full text database, major publisher, many disciplines beyond science, 1997 – present. We don't have full text access to all listed.	Elsevier
Environmental Health and Toxicology databases	Current toxic chemical, hazardous waste, toxicology, human health data	NLM
JSTOR	Journals. Archives of many classic journals back to volume 1. No current issues , has back issues starting about 3-5 years old and older. Includes issues of <i>Science</i> from vol. 1 (1880) to about 5 years ago.	JSTOR

Other		
Scirus www.scirus.com	Publisher-based search engine focusing only on websites containing high quality content, mostly scientific, but some social science information as well.	Elsevier Science
Google Scholar – www.scholar.google.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Google’s index to peer-reviewed papers, theses, books, abstracts and articles, from academic publishers, professional societies, preprint repositories, universities and other scholarly organizations. • Often need a subscription to access full text; sometimes no full text available, only citation • has 360 links (if you are on campus). Link usually called “Check UI Library Holdings” • scattering of sources, not consistent, no clear statement on the sources included, but can sometimes be helpful when you can’t find information elsewhere. 	Google