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A

Academic Search Complete ⧉ [Popular] ⌘

This is a comprehensive multi-disciplinary library database that provides access to full-text articles on just about any topic imaginable. ASP contains access to over 4,600 periodicals, including almost 3,900 peer-reviewed journals, some going back to the mid-1970s or earlier.

Academic Video Online (AVON) ⧉ ⌘

Academic Video Online is the most comprehensive video subscription available to libraries. It delivers over 70,000 titles spanning the widest range of subject areas including anthropology, business, counseling, film, health, history, music, and more. More than 18,000* titles are exclusive to Alexander Street, all with a predictable annual cost.

ACLS Humanities E-Books ⧉ ⌘

An online collection of around 5,000 books of high quality in the humanities. These titles are offered by the American Council of Learned Societies in collaboration with thirty-one learned societies, over 100 contributing publishers, and the Michigan Publishing division at the University of Michigan Library.

AHFS Consumer Medication Information ⧉ ⌘

A trusted source and recognized standard for patient drug information, available in both English and Spanish. Published by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, AHFS includes more than a thousand drug information monographs written in lay language for consumers, with content updated monthly.

America: History and Life ⧉ ⌘

The best database to use to cover the history and culture of the United States and Canada, from prehistory to the present. This database indexes over 1,700 journals from 1955 to the present with full text access to more than 200 journals and almost 100 books.

B

Bergey's ⧉ ⌘

Alternate Name(s): Bergey's Manual

Popular Databases

The most frequently-used databases

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Opposing Viewpoints in Context ⧉
[Popular] ⌘

This database is an excellent place to begin one's research on any current event or controversial topic. Opposing Viewpoints includes opinion pieces (i.e. viewpoint essays), magazine, newspaper and journal articles, entries from reference works (such as encyclopedias and dictionaries), statistics, images, scholarly websites, plus much more.

ProQuest Research Library ⧉
[Popular] ⌘

ProQuest Research Library accesses more than 5,000 titles, over 3,500 of which are full text, from 1971 to the present. Topics range from business to psychology, from literature to political science, with articles coming from a mix of popular and scholarly sources, as well as magazines and newspapers.

New / Trial Databases

The following databases are newly acquired or being evaluated for a future subscription.

eHRAF Archaeology ⧉ [New] [Trial]

Bergey's is the most complete and authoritative description of bacterial and archaeal diversity. This is a new, unique, single point of online reference for microbiology with over 1,750 articles – equivalent to over 8 volumes in print.

Biography in Context ⧉

This database combines award-winning biographies along with full-text articles from hundreds of periodicals. Search for people based on one or more personal facts such as birth and death year, nationality, ethnicity, occupation or gender, or combine criteria to create a highly-targeted custom search.

Business Source Elite ⧉

This database provides full text access to over 1,000 business publications, with access to some journals going back as far as 1985. Also included within this sources are more than 10,000 company profiles from Datamonitor are also included.

C

Calisphere ⧉

Maintained by the University of California, Calisphere is a free search engine of the digitized images, sound recordings, primary source materials and much more from museums, academic, public and special libraries from across the state of California.

CINAHL Complete ⧉

This database provides subject and keyword searching capabilities to specialized articles from more than 620 nursing & allied health journals. Evidence-based Care Sheets and health-related pamphlets are also included.

CountryWatch ⧉

Use this database to find up-to-date and reliable information on the politics, history and geopolitical intelligence of all countries in the world.

CQ Elections A-Z ⧉

This is a guide to all things pertaining to United States elections. Find out information about presidential parties and elections, state government, midterm elections, gubernatorial candidates, and caucuses. There are graphs, charts, images, historic documents, and dictionary entries.

CQ Researcher ⧉

This is an excellent place to look for impartial and extensive reporting on controversial and complex issues, and it's a great resource to use especially for speech and debate classes. CQ Researcher provides full-text access to reports from Oct. 1991 to the present.

D

Digital Public Library of America ⧉

The Digital Public Library of America empowers people to learn, grow, and contribute to a diverse and better-functioning society by maximizing access to our shared history, culture, and knowledge.

DSM-5 TR ⧉

eHRAF Archaeology focuses on in-depth descriptive documents of archaeological traditions from around the world. eHRAF is unique in having subject indexing at the paragraph level. This allows detailed and precise searching for concepts not easily found with keywords.

eHRAF World Cultures ⧉

New Trial

eHRAF World Cultures database contains information on present and past aspects of cultural and social life for a worldwide sample of societies.

Statista ⧉ New

Statista.com consolidates statistical data on over 80,000 topics from more than 22,500 sources and makes it available on four platforms: German, English, French and Spanish.

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The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM–5 TR) is the product of more than 10 years of effort by hundreds of international experts in all aspects of mental health. Their dedication and hard work have yielded an authoritative volume that defines and classifies mental disorders in order to improve diagnoses, treatment, and research.

E

EBSCO ⬀

Access to all EBSCO databases.

EBSCO eBook Collection ⬀

Almost 120,000 e-books are available in this collection geared specifically to academic audiences. Topics include art, science, political science, religion, technology and engineering, and many more. Users can search by title, subject, and author, as well as full-text. You can view individual sections or chapters of books, as well as print or email them. Citation assistance is available.

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ERIC ⬀

Developed and maintained by the U.S. Department of Education, ERIC is the preeminent database for any topic related to education. The EBSCO version of this database includes access to 1.3 million records and full-text access to over 300,000 full-text reports and articles contained within ERIC going back to 1966.

European Views of the Americas: 1493-1750 ⬀

This database is a comprehensive guide to printed records about the Americas written in Europe before 1750, and contains the citation information for more than 32,000 titles.

F

Films on Demand: Feature Films Collection ⬀

Films on Demand Feature Films offers full-length streaming feature films for instructional purposes from producers such as Films for the Humanities and Sciences, PBS, A&E, History, ABCNews, BBC, NBC News, Shopware, Biography, National Geographic and others.

Films on Demand: Master Academic Collection ⬀

This collection of streaming videos provides access to more than 31,000 films and 300,000 film clips from producers including A&E, BBC, HBO Documentary Films, National Geographic, Scientific American, PBS, and Ken Burns. Faculty can embed films into Canvas, and after creating an account within the database, can create playlist and film segments.

Funk & Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia ⬀

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The online equivalent of the print encyclopedia.

G

Gale ⇗

Access to all Gale databases.

Gale Literary Index ⇗

Use the Gale Literary Index to search comprehensively for references to a particular author or work of fiction in all print-based Gale literary publications such as Twentieth Century Literary Criticism, Nineteenth Century Literary Criticism, Contemporary Literary Criticism, etc.

Gale Virtual Reference Library ⇗

This database contains the full text of hundreds of subject specific reference books, which contain close to three-quarters of a million full text scholarly articles that originally appeared in print reference books. Note: The VC Library owns only some of the reference books included in this database in print form.

Google Books ⇗

Get links, previews, and reviews of published eBooks.

GreenFile ⇗

This database provides full-text access to a collection of almost 5,000 sources "covering all aspects of human impact to the environment. Its collection of scholarly, government and general-interest titles includes content on global warming, green building, pollution, sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, recycling, and more."

H

HathiTrust ⇗

HathiTrust is a partnership of academic and research institutions, offering a collection of millions of titles digitized from libraries around the world.

HealthSource: Consumer Edition ⇗

This consumer health database accesses almost 80 full-text consumer health magazines and provides information on many topics, including general health, nutrition and the food sciences, medical sciences, child care, and sports medicine.

HealthSource: Nursing/Academic Edition ⇗

This database is designed for nursing and allied health students and provides access to almost "550 scholarly full text journals focusing on many medical disciplines. Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition also features the Lexi-PAL Drug Guide, which covers 1,300 generic drug patient education sheets with more than 4,700 brand names."

Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMMI): BioInteractive ⇗

(Faculty Recommended)
BioInteractive resources primarily focus on core concepts and processes in biology for high school and undergraduate students. This resource also provides interdisciplinary resources with connections to biology in earth and environmental science, chemistry, and math and statistics.

J

JoVE Education ⤢   ⤴

A video collection dedicated to teaching scientific fundamentals through simple easy-to-understand video demonstrations. Through this video platform, world-renowned experts show the intricate details of their experiments on video.

JSTOR ⤢   ⤴

This database contains the full-text of hundreds of scholarly journals. The journals are available in full-text from the publication was first published (sometimes going back over 200 years!) up until five years from the present day. For recent journal articles, use ProQuest Research Library or EBSCO Academic Search Premier. JSTOR is a great place for historical research or literary criticism research.

K

Kanopy ⤢   ⤴

Find movies, documentaries, foreign films, classic cinema, independent films and educational videos that inspire, enrich and entertain. (Note: Once you arrive on the Kanopy page, look for the red "Get Started" button and then follow the prompts to gain full access to the Kanopy Library.

Note to Instructors: Please contact the Library for assistance with titles required for your course.

L

Library, Information Science & Technology Abstracts ⤢   ⤴

LISTA has information dating back as far as the mid 1960's, and indexes almost 125 select journals, in addition to around 50 other journals. Also included are books, reports, and proceedings. Topics include librarianship, classification, cataloging, and information management.

M

MagillOnLiterature Plus ⤢   ⤴

This database provides author biographies, plot summaries and character overviews of famous works of literature. This resource is the online equivalent of the print Masterplots series.

MEDLINE ⤢   ⤴

Developed and maintained by the National Library of Medicine, MEDLINE is the most comprehensive and authoritative database for information on medicine, nursing, health, "pre-clinical sciences, and much more." Contains links to selected full-text sources available with the EBSCO family of databases.

Military & Government Collection ⤢   ⤴

This database provides current news to all branches of the military and government as well as other useful information. It has the full text of almost 300 periodicals and indexing for more than 400 titles.

N

Newspaper Source Plus ⇗

This database provides access to more than 860 full-text newspapers, including the Ventura County Star. Also, this database includes almost 1 million television and radio news transcripts.

Newswires ⇗

Provides near real-time access to top worldwide news from various news outlets including Associated Press, CNN Wire, and Business Wire.

O

OneSearch ⇗

Use OneSearch to search across the library catalog and all library databases.

Opposing Viewpoints in Context ⇗ [Popular]

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OverDrive ⇗

OverDrive is the leading digital reading platform for libraries and schools worldwide. We are dedicated to creating "a world enlightened by reading" by delivering the industry's largest catalog of ebooks, audiobooks and other digital media to a growing network of 65,000 libraries and schools in 84 countries.

Oxford English Dictionary ⇗

The Oxford English Dictionary is considered "the definitive record of the English language." It tracks the history, forms, and pronunciation of 600,000 words from both the past and present. Quotations help demonstrate the use of the words in context.

P

PLOS (Public Library of Science) ⇗

PLOS is an open access publisher focused on science and medicine research.

Project Gutenberg ⇗

Access full text public domain titles that were published before the 1930s.

ProQuest ⇗

Access to all ProQuest databases.

ProQuest APA PsycArticles ⇗

Developed by the American Psychological Association (APA), this is the premier database to use when searching for full-text articles from 63 different peer-reviewed psychology journals published by the APA.

ProQuest Biological Science Collection ⇗

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ProQuest Biology Journals coves many different biology topics, including biochemistry, botany, zoology, environmental studies, microbiology, cytology, and biophysics. More than 325 titles are available full text.

ProQuest eBook Central ☒

A collection of almost 150,000 authoritative, full-text ebooks in a wide range of subject areas, including art, humanities, social sciences, history, science, technology, and many more.

ProQuest Psychology Database ☒

ProQuest Psychology Database has over 540 titles available in full text. Many of these titles are indexed in PsycINFO. Topics covered include personality, neurology, psychobiology, behavioral psychology, cognitive psychology, developmental psychology, experimental psychology, and many other areas of psychology, including psychometrics.

ProQuest Research Library ☒   Popular

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ProQuest U.S. Major Dailies ☒

US Major Dailies provides access to the five most respected U.S. national and regional newspapers: The New York Times (1980 – present), Washington Post (1987 – present), Los Angeles Times (1985 – present), Chicago Tribune (1985 – present), and the Wall Street Journal (1984 – present).

Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection ☒

According to EBSCO, "this is the world's largest full text psychology database offering full text coverage for nearly 400 journals." This resource provides access to journal articles on all "topics in emotional and behavioral characteristics, psychiatry & psychology, mental processes, anthropology, and observational & experimental methods."

PubMed ☒

PubMed contains more than 32 million citations for biomedical literature from MEDLINE, life science journals, and online books. Citations may include links to full text content from PubMed Central and publisher web sites.

R

Regional Business News ☒

This database provides comprehensive full text coverage for regional business publications. Regional Business News incorporates coverage of more than 80 regional business publications covering all metropolitan and rural areas within the United States.

S

SAGE Business Cases ☒

This database provides access to over 3,000 business cases spanning a wide range of business disciplines from leadership to entrepreneurship, to family business and social impact. SAGE has partnered with 20 business case producers, including Kellogg School of

Management (Northwestern), Berkeley Haas (California), and the School of Management (Yale).

SAGE Explorer 🗗   ⇜

Provides access to the SAGE suite of databases including Video, Research Methods, Books, Reference, Business Cases, CQ Press Library, CQ Researcher, Data Planet, and Skills Business

SAGE Knowledge 🗗   ⇜

SAGE Knowledge is a social sciences digital library that includes streaming media/video, scholarly books, reference works, handbooks, series, professional development titles, and more.

SAGE Research Methods 🗗   ⇜

A research methods tool created to help researchers, faculty, and students learn about research methods. Contains books and reference works about qualitative and quantitative methodologies in the sciences and social sciences, research tools for planning research and choosing methods, case studies, and practice data sets.

SAGE Research Methods Videos 🗗   ⇜

A research methods tool created to help researchers, faculty, and students learn about research methods. Contains instructional videos about qualitative and quantitative methodologies in the sciences and social sciences, research tools for planning research and choosing methods, case studies, and practice data sets.

SAGE Video 🗗   ⇜

SAGE Video contains streaming video collections in the social sciences, created for use across higher education. SAGE Video combines originally commissioned material with licensed videos in the areas of Education, Media, Communication and Cultural Studies, and Counseling & Psychotherapy.

SpringerLink 🗗   ⇜

SpringerLink contains the full text of over 25,00 books available entirely online. These books, covering areas such as nursing, biomedical sciences, engineering, computer science, and chemistry, can be read by more than one person at a time. Entire book chapters can also be downloaded in PDF format. You can also search for books in our online catalog. In addition, you can also access thousands of other articles, book chapters, textbooks, medical and biomedical protocols, and reference texts for free.

Statista 🗗 New   ⇜

Statista.com consolidates statistical data on over 80,000 topics from more than 22,500 sources and makes it available on four platforms: German, English, French and Spanish.

V

Very Short Introductions 🗗   ⇜

Published by Oxford University Press, the Very Short Introductions books provide a concise overview of a variety of topics in the Arts and Humanities, Law, Medicine and Health, Science and Mathematics, and the Social Sciences. Print copies of Very Short Introduction titles are also available in the library.

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W

Web News ⬀

Provides near real time access to thousands of top news feeds from around the globe. This collection includes over 14,000 feeds covering a range of business and general news topics.

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