What is Academic Search Premier?

A multidisciplinary database which contains references to articles in a wide range of newspapers, popular magazines and scholarly journals. It covers topics in business, social sciences, humanities, general science, education, and multicultural studies and much more. It offers indexing and abstracts for articles in about 8,000 journals and the full-text of articles from more than 3,500 journals.

1. Access

Libraries Homepage at www.lib.hku.hk
  ➞ Databases
  ➞ Key English Databases
  ➞ EBSCOhost research databases
  ➞ EBSCOhost Web

2. Choose Databases

Academic Search Premier is selected by default. Click on the <Continue> button to proceed.

Choose Databases

ASP selected by default

Or select more than one database to search by checking the boxes next to the databases. Examples include:

- TOC Premier: provides table of contents information for over 23,000 recently published journals.
- ERIC: provides citations and abstracts from over 1,000 educational and education-related journals.
- EBSCO Animals: provides in-depth information on variety of topics relating to animals.

3. Advanced Search by Keywords

Advanced Search

Provides a structured framework for a focused search.

1. Enter your search term(s) in the text box(es).
2. Select an operator.
4a. Limit your results (Optional)
4b. Expand your results (Optional)

Common Expanders include:
- Also Search within the full text of the articles
- Also Search for related words, i.e. synonyms and plurals

Common Limiters include:
- Full Text: articles with full text
- Journal: journal or magazine name
- Peer Reviewed: articles from peer-reviewed journals, i.e. reviewed by experts.
- Published Date: specified publication date range

Search Tips

**Example**

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<th>Function</th>
<th>1. Combine search terms - Boolean Operators</th>
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<tr>
<td>AND communication AND disorder</td>
<td>Find both words: &lt;communication&gt; and &lt;disorder&gt;.</td>
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<tr>
<td>OR aged OR elderly</td>
<td>Find either word: &lt;aged&gt; or &lt;elderly&gt; or both.</td>
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<td>NOT mouse NOT computer*</td>
<td>Exclude the word &lt;computer*&gt; from &lt;mouse&gt;.</td>
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Note: Not true with stop words, e.g. and, or, not, the, of, for, etc.

**2. Words with variant spelling - Truncation**

* computer*

Find words containing a common word root: computer, computers

? wom*n

Replace a specific number of characters: wom*n, wom*n

**3. Phrase Searching - Quotation Marks**

“ ” “Environmental Impact Assessment”

Search the exact phrase.

Note: Not true with stop words, e.g. and, or, not, the, of, for, etc.
4. Display Search Results

Search Results

To view an article, click the article title, or the hyperlink corresponding to the format you want to view.

Result Tips

1. Article full-text is available
   - HTML Full Text: View the article in text format.
   - Page Image: View the scanned page image of the originally article.

2. Article full-text is NOT available
   - Linked Full Text: Link to another database to check for its availability.
   - Check HKU Catalogue: Check against Dragon, HKUL Catalogue, for its availability.

Retrieve an article

What if the article is not available in EbscoHost?

The article may be available in HKUL in print version or in electronic format from another database.

To check against Dragon for its availability:
   --> Dragon at library.hku.hk
   --> Title search
   --> Enter the journal name

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