EBSCO databases STEM: quick start guide

EBSCO produce a number of different databases, covering Arts, Social Sciences, Science and Technology, Business, and Health and Medicine. You can search across all of them, or you can select a specific database or selection to focus your search.

Getting started

1. Go to the library homepage at http://library.leeds.ac.uk or to the Learn tab in Minerva.

2. Type EBSCO into the Library search box if you would like to browse everything, or type the name of the specific resource, e.g. Social Work Abstracts.

3. You may be taken into the resource or you may be a results list. The list will provide an overview of the different databases, and you can select each resource you would like to search.

4. Once you are taken into the EBSCO search page you may find it helpful to choose the Advanced search.

Searching Social Work Abstracts

1. Combine keywords with AND / OR

2. Type your keywords into the search boxes. It is possible to combine terms with OR in a single box.

3. Many different search options, All text, Author, Title, Journal Source.

4. Limit your search by type of document, date published and many more.

Combining keywords

- Use AND to search for both the words and narrow the search, eg Poverty AND Disability
- Use OR to search for either of your terms and broaden your search, eg Britain OR UK
Understanding your results and finding the full text

1. Add to folder to save, email, print or export references to Endnote.

2. Narrow your search by using limits in the left hand column.

3. Links take you to more details, often a summary (abstract) of the article.

Cited References

If you click the Cited References link on a result, a new screen presents a list of records/references which have been cited/used in your article.

Getting help

- Click on Help in the top right corner of the database search screen.
- Contact Library enquiries: https://library.leeds.ac.uk/contact/enquiries