

EBSCOhost

Meyer Library Reference & Government Information Department

EBSCOhost is the platform used to search the following indexes and databases:

Academic Search Premier
American: History & Life
ATLA Religion Database
Biological Abstracts
Business Source Premier
CINAHL
Cochrane Databases
Columbia Granger's Poetry Database
Communication & Mass Media
Complete

Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects
Econlit
Gender Studies Database
GeoRef & GeoRef in Process
GreenFILE
Health Technology Assessments
Historical Abstracts
Hospitality & Tourism Complete
Library, Information Science & Technology
MLA International Bibliography

MLA Directory of Periodicals
Music Index
NHS Economic Evaluation
Philosopher's Index
Political Science Complete
PsycINFO
RILM Abstracts of Music
Literature
Social Work Abstracts
SocINDEX with Full Text
SPORTDiscus

To get started:

- Go to the Missouri State University Libraries home page @ <http://library.missouristate.edu>
- Click on **Indexes & Databases**, and then select By Title and scroll to find EBSCOhost or any of the individual titles listed above.
- If you have entered the database platform from the EBSCOhost link click on EBSCOhost Web and then choose the index(es) you wish to search.
- When you are off-campus, you will be prompted for a login that consists of your e-mail ID and password. Login assistance can be found at <http://library.missouristate.edu/info/troubleshooting.htm>.

Basic Search

- The Basic Search Screen lets you create a search with limiters, expanders, and Boolean operators.
- On the Basic Search Screen, enter your search terms in the Find field.
- If you want to use any of the optional Limiters or Expanders, click the Search Options link.
You can use a specific [search mode](#), such as "Find all of my search terms," or "SmartText Searching"; apply Limiters such as Full Text or Publication type; or use search options that expand your search, such as "Apply related words."

The screenshot displays the EBSCOhost search interface. At the top, the EBSCO logo is on the left, and the search bar contains the text "forest* and logging". To the right of the search bar are "Search" and "Clear" buttons. Below the search bar, there are links for "Search Options", "Advanced Search", "Visual Search", "Search History/Alerts", and "Preferences".

The "Search Options" section is expanded, showing several filter categories:

- Search modes:** Radio buttons for "Boolean/Phrase" (selected), "Find all my search terms", "Find any of my search terms", and "SmartText Searching [Hint](#)".
- Apply related words:** A checkbox labeled "Apply related words" and another labeled "also search within full text articles".
- Limit your results:** A section with checkboxes for "Full Text" and "Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals".
- Publication Type:** A dropdown menu with "All" selected, and options for "Periodical", "Newspaper", and "Book".
- References Available:** A checkbox labeled "References Available".
- Published Date from:** Fields for "Month" and "Year" with "to" in between.
- Publication:** A text input field.
- Number Of Pages:** A dropdown menu with "All" selected and a text input field.
- Articles With Images:** A dropdown menu with "All" selected, and options for "PDF" and "Text with Graphic".

A "Reset" button is located in the top right corner of the "Search Options" section.

The search field is displayed above the Result List. Your search terms, limiters and expanders are retained. To revise your search, you can click the **Search Options** link under **Limit your results**.

Search Tips

Boolean Operators-

- **And** - combines search terms so that each search result contains all of the terms. Ex. education and technology finds articles that contain both terms.
- **Or** - combines search terms so that each search result contains at least one of the terms. For example, education or technology finds results that contain either term.
- **Not** - excludes terms so that each search result does not contain any of the terms that follow it. For example, education not technology finds results that contain the term education but not the term technology.

Wildcard (?) and Truncation (*) Symbols

Use the wildcard and truncation symbols to create searches where there are unknown characters, multiple spellings or various endings. The wildcard is represented by a question mark (?). EBSCOhost finds all citations of that word with the ? replaced by a letter. For example, type ne?t to find all citations containing neat, nest or next.

Truncation is represented by an asterisk (*). To use truncation, enter the root of a search term and replace the ending with an *. For example, type comput* to find the words computer or computing.

Grouping Terms Together Using Parentheses: Parentheses also may be used to control a search query.. Parentheses allow you to control and define the way the search will be executed. The left phrase in parentheses is searched first; then, based upon those results, the second phrase in parentheses is searched.

Focused Search: (dog or cat) and (show or parade)

Using Quotation Marks: Typically, when a phrase is enclosed by double quotations marks, the exact phrase is searched.

Search Results: Click on title to display abstract. Click on **HTML** or **PDF** to display full text. Click **Add to Folder** to save results in folder.



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